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FRANCE AND BRITAIN CONTINUE MEDIATION EFFORTS

DEATH OF THE POPE



Characteristic pictures of His Holiness Pope Pius XI who passed away at 12.01 p.m. H.K. time, to-day.

Paris, To-day.
It is believed in well-informed political circles that the French Government will decide to recognise General Franco's Government at a meeting of the Council of Ministers on Saturday.

Recognition will be granted, it is thought, provided certain conditions are fulfilled, the chief of which is withdrawal of Italian troops in Spain.

Left political circles suggest that the French Government is prepared to recognise the Nationalists forthwith, relying on General Franco's promise in regard to the Italians evacuating Spain and without demanding any guarantees.

The British and French Governments are maintaining close contact on the question.

"Le Temps," which is often officially inspired, last night published a significant leading article which seems to be intended to prepare public opinion for a change in policy.—Reuter.

REALISTIC VIEW IN PARIS AND LONDON

Both in London and in Paris, the Governments are taking a realistic view of the situation and no doubt is entertained of General Franco's ultimate victory.

Behind the scenes, both are making efforts to prevent further bloodshed and endeavouring to secure the end of the civil war by mediation.

It is suggested that Britain and France have, in fact, urged the Republicans to surrender unconditionally, with a promise to see that the peace terms are not impossibly onerous. It is known that the British Government has again offered its services to the Franco Government.

FRENCH POSTPONE MEETING OF CABINET

The French Cabinet session scheduled to take place on Saturday, has suddenly been postponed till Tuesday, in view of the new developments in Spain.

It is believed that the French Government expects the diplomatic dilemma to be near an automatic solution, by next Tuesday, and that the last obstacle in the way of sending

ing a French Ambassador to Burgos, will have disappeared.

Circles close to the Quai d'Orsay, evade the question whether or not the possibility exists that France may, jointly with England, assume a mediator role in the Spanish conflict. Even an unofficial, Yes or No was not to be obtained.—Trans-Ocean.

MIAJA READY TO TALK PEACE?

London, To-day.

According to the "Daily Mail" the commander-in-chief of the Republican forces in the Madrid region, General Miaja, is beginning peace talks.

He has asked for conditions to be stated for the laying down of arms by the Republican forces.

NAZI PASTOR REMOVED FROM OFFICE

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

PASTOR MUELLER HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM OFFICE BY THE EVANGELICAL CONSISTORY.

Pastor Mueller's expulsion is a sequel to the Nazi charge that he "misused the pulpit."

Last year, Pastor Mueller

"misused" the pulpit by requesting his parishioners to "pray for the maintenance of peace, and the successful issue of international efforts on behalf of peace."

Germany was thus treated to the extraordinary spectacle of a Churchman being removed from his post for daring to support peace.—Reuter.

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DEFENCE OF NORTH AFRICAN COAST

Paris, To-day.
It is understood that the secret session of the Senate National Defence Commission, held yesterday, discussed, inter alia, defence of the North African coast.

The Navy Minister, Mr. Campinchi, declared that execution of the naval programme was progressing rapidly and satisfactorily, and that

the situation had much improved since last year.

Other matters discussed were anti-submarine measures and carrying aircraft on warships.

It is understood that the Senators expressed the greatest satisfaction with the statements of M. Campinchi and the Rapporteur of the Commission.—Reuter.

SCOTLAND YARD SEARCH FOR HANDSOME PRINCE

MYSTERY IN BRITAIN

London, January 25.

Alarmed by his apparent disappearance, friends have asked Scotland Yard to search for handsome Prince Wolff Heinrich von Stolberg, who brought a fairy-tale romance to the Harz Mountains village of Stolberg in 1933 by marrying a maidservant.

Nothing has been heard of him since he arrived in this country from the United States on business a short while ago. There are fears for his safety.

He arrived accompanied by a luxurious car and a chauffeur. Widespread inquiries have revealed no trace of either.

Officials at ports and aerodromes have been warned to be on the look-out. Every one who could possibly have had any recent association with the prince has been asked to assist in the search.

His Serene Highness Prince Wolff Heinrich of Stolberg-Stolberg, Count of Königstein and Hohnstein, Lord of Agimont, Clettenberg and Lohra—that is the full title of the man who preferred love to sovereign rights.

JULIANA'S COUSIN

A cousin of Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, his bride was Fraulein Irma Erfert, daughter of a petty official and former mayor of Stolberg. They had met four years before while the golden-haired girl was acting as "mother's help" to a family.

His family made ambitious plans for his marriage to a royal princess—a marriage that would have assured him a throne and great wealth—but the prince and the serving maid had fallen in love at first sight. No one could change their minds.

They were married in January 1933 in the chapel of the palace on the hill where the Prince's family—the family he was defying—had lived for 700 years.

He was 29. She was 22. She wore a simple white dress and a white bridal veil. He scorned uniform, had a plain frock coat.

Only one member of the Prince's family was there to join the thousands who saw the fairy-tale come true—his sister, Princess Imogena.

"FOLKESTONE" SEAMAN PASSES

A leading Seaman of H.M.S. Folkestone died yesterday at Tsingtao, according to an announcement of the local Naval authorities.

The name of deceased is Herbert A. Hopkins, a native of London. He died last night.

BROADCAST MESSAGE TO KULING PEOPLE

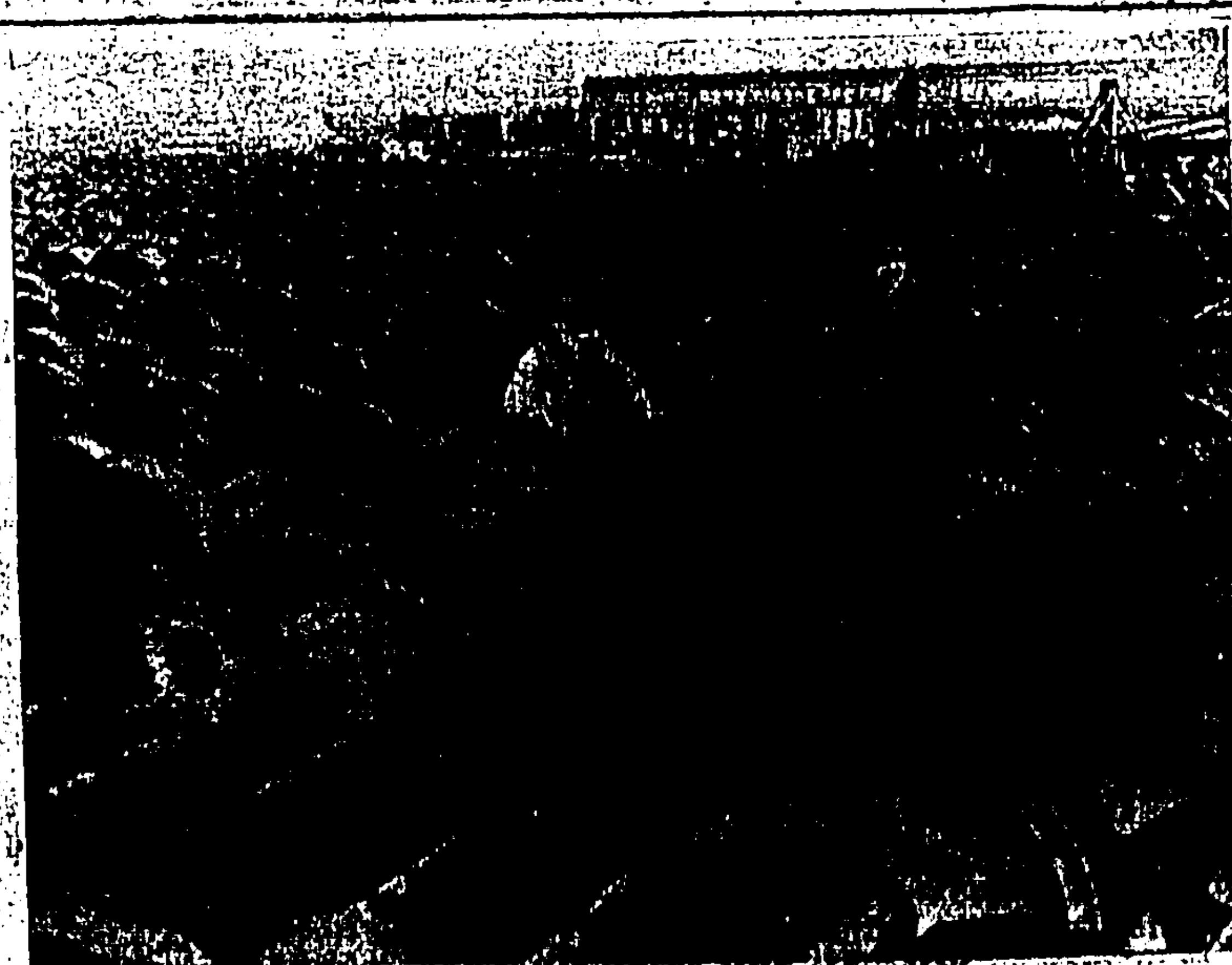
Shanghai, To-day.

Carrol Alcott, well-known local American radio commentator, who makes two broadcasts daily, yesterday broadcast by special request of Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, a message to foreigners living in Kuling.

Foreigners in the summer resort near Kiukiang have been isolated together with Chinese guerilla forces who are being besieged by the Japanese.

Alcott's radio message instructed the marooned foreigners to communicate with H.M.S. Ladybird and the American gunboat Oahu at Kiukiang.

It is understood from local sources last night that Ladybird and Oahu were unable to contact the Kuling foreigners, and the radio broadcast was the only means of communicating with them.—Reuter.



The railways are out for a square deal. The L.M.S. Railway evidently intends to give its passengers a square deal, judging by the hundreds and thousands of carriage and wagon wheels at the Derby works—ready for repairs and renewals during 1939. Photo shows just a few of the hundreds of thousands of carriage and wagon wheels at the L.M.S. works at Derby.

GENERAL ELECTION IN OCTOBER

London, Feb. 5.

According to the Sunday Chronicle, Mr. Neville Chamberlain has decided that general elections will be held next October.

The Prime Minister, the paper added, believes that he will then be in a position to announce Britain's superiority over Germany in armaments and aviation, an improvement in trade, the complete elaboration of plans for passive defence, the return of agricultural prosperity, and the certainty that there will be a sufficient supply of foodstuffs in the event of a war.—Havas.

MR. E. BROWN AND RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

London, To-day.

The Minister of Labour, referring to the recent increase in the number of unemployed, at Commons question time, said the increase was regretted in all parts of the House but it would be a mistake to exaggerate its significance.

The increase last month was due in large part to the fact that the increase in unemployment which normally follows cessation of Christmas activities was accentuated this year by bad weather on the day of count.

Mr. Ernest Brown also made the point that long-term unemployment was steadily on the decrease.

The Labour Opposition's motion of censure on the subject of unemployment will be debated in the Commons next Thursday.—British Wireless.

RESIGNATION OF SPAAK CABINET

Brussels, To-day.

The Belgium Cabinet resigned yesterday after the Premier, M. Paul Spaak, had received the three Liberal members of the Cabinet.

The Liberals expressed their Party's opposition to the appointment of Dr. Martens (accused of being a traitor to Belgium during the German occupation in the Great War) as a member of the Flemish Academy.—Reuter.

GENERAL CONFUSION

Brussels, To-day.

The resignation of the Spaak Cabinet has caused confusion in political circles. Only very vague ideas about the formation of a new Government exist at the moment.

Answering a question on whether the King had accepted the resignation of the Cabinet, Spaak himself said: "The King has authorised me to continue to attend to current business. I do not know exactly what that means."

In some circles, there is talk of the possibility of the formation of a so-called "Cabinet of Personalities" standing outside the Party conflict.

Other circles suggest the dissolution of Parliament and new election.—Trans-Ocean.

BELFAST POLICE MAKE EIGHT I.R.A. ARRESTS

Belfast, To-day.

Ulster police, who have been working in close touch with Scotland Yard in the effort to track down instigators of the Irish bomb conspiracy have arrested eight persons in a raid on houses in the Mount Pottinger suburb of Belfast. The arrested persons are believed to be members of the Irish Republican army. Their names have not yet been made known.—Trans-Ocean.

LORD HALIFAX AT THE PALACE

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary had an audience of the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning.

His Majesty also received the new Turkish Ambassador and the new Rumanian Minister, who presented their Letters of Credence.—British Wireless.

NEW DUTIES IN BRITAIN DESIGNED AGAINST JAPAN

Iron And Steel Staples And Carpets Affected Mr. Noel Baker Urges Government To Further Steps

London, To-day.

The House of Commons yesterday adopted an additional important duties order relating to insulated iron or steel staples, designed to meet Japanese competition.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) stated as his opinion that the Government had given the least convincing of all reasons for the order, namely a reduction in the sales of Japanese goods.

If Mr. Cross (the Conservative member for Rossendale who moved adoption of the order), had said that they wanted to boycott goods because they were produced by sweated labour, and as a measure of retaliation against the Japanese treatment of British interests in the Far East generally, they would have had more sympathy with the order.

GENERAL BOYCOTT

They had previously urged that there should be a general inter-governmental boycott of Japanese exports, and he hoped the Government would come to share these views.

An order relating to west pile

velvets, designed to protect Lancashire industry from Japanese imports, was also approved. — Reuter.

JAPANESE CLAIM CAPTURE OF TWO TOWNS

Peiping, To-day.

The Japanese claim to have captured the two towns of Ankue and Hochienfu, in central Hopei province, which their army had begun

M.P.'S GET WARNING LETTERS

London, Feb. 4.

Detective Pearce, of the Criminal Investigation Department of Scotland Yard, was attacked in the suburbs of London to-day by two men who threw him to the ground, trampled on his face and then fled.

Several members of Parliament have received anonymous letters advising them to "watch out!"

Several Irishmen were arrested to-day for possession of explosives. The arrests were carried out in various towns. — Havas.

a determined effort to subdue and which had remained in Chinese hands since hostilities started.

General Sugiyama is directing operations which are taking the form of drives down the Peiping-Hankow Railway and Tientsin-Pukow Railway. — Reuter.

PLANE RUSHING IRON LUNG TO EAST AFRICA

London, To-day.

A Nuffield "iron lung" is being rushed by Imperial Airways flying boat to Kampala, East Africa, where an outbreak of infantile paralysis is reported.

The lung is being sent in response to an urgent cable to the Colonial Office from the Governor of Uganda.

It will leave Southampton on the Imperial Airways regular Durban service on Saturday morning and will reach Uganda, nearly 5,000 miles away, on Tuesday.

The lung, which weighs 600 lbs., is a device for artificially maintaining breathing in cases where normal muscular action is affected.

Lord Nuffield recently announced that he would donate one of the lungs to every hospital in the Empire. — British Wireless.

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It is officially announced to-day that the NC18602 Boeing Clipper will depart from its base at Treasure Island in San Francisco (site of the forthcoming Golden Gate International Exposition) on February 22 and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on March 1.

On this first trans-Pacific crossing of Pan American Airways' newest and largest flyingboat, no passengers will be carried in either direction.

However, mail and air express cargo will be accepted for the flight departing from Hong Kong on March 2.

Subsequent flights will carry passengers as well as mail and will be on a weekly basis, with reduced fares and increased baggage allowances.

China National Aviation Corporation, General Traffic Agents for Pan American Airways at Hong Kong say that they are not at this time in a position to announce what arrangements will be made for receiving the first of the Boeing Clippers, but it is hoped that instructions will be received from San Francisco in the near future.

Hong Kong has been awaiting for some time the arrival of this new giant airliner, which will definitely mark a new era in the progress of commercial aviation, and a great deal of satisfaction is felt in that the Colony is soon to be served regularly by the largest commercial aircraft in operation in the world.

MARINE SMASHES WINDOW

Frank Farnfield, 22, Royal Marines, of H.M.S. Kent, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with malicious damage, in smashing a window pane valued at \$15 at No. 126 Gloucester Road, ground floor, and with being drunk and disorderly.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the first charge, but admitted the second.

Private E. Simmons, R.A.S.C., giving evidence, said he saw defendant break the window.

Defendant was ordered to pay \$15 compensation and fined \$10.

A LA CHINOISE?

Berlin, To-day.

The former Reichsbank President, Dr. Schacht, will shortly make a trip round the world in an entirely private capacity.—Trans-Ocean.

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**FRENCH CONTACT
WITH REICH**

Paris, To-day.

M. Georges Bonnet, Foreign Minister, received M. Coulondre, French Ambassador to Berlin, yesterday afternoon.

It is stated that the Ambassador informed M. Bonnet of a conversation with Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, and conveyed to M. Bonnet special information from Herr von Ribbentrop.

It is believed that the call was made in connection with the Spanish problem.—Trans-Ocean.

**\$2,000 LOSS
IN VILLAGE
ARMED ROBBERY**

Armed robbery at Sheung Shui has been reported by Hau Kam-shing, 26, married woman, of Ho Sheung Heung Village.

About 1 a.m. this morning, she was awakened by a noise from the roof, and saw five men climbing in, two armed with revolvers and one with a dagger.

She was bound with wire and gagged.

The men ransacked the house and escaped with money, jewellery and clothing to the value of \$1,968.

**SCHOOL
PRIZE-GIVING**

The Director of Education, Mr. C. G. Sollis distributed scholarships and prizes at the annual speech day of the Vernacular Normal and Middle School, Sai-yingpun, which was held to-day.

Mr. Sollis congratulated the school on its past year's achievements, particularly in the direction of Chinese literary studies for which the school was originally founded.

The headmaster, Mr. Li King-hong, in the course of his annual report, said the maximum enrolment was 245 and the average attendance 97.79 per cent. He drew attention to the fact that since the inception of the school a greater proportion of time in the lower forms had been spent on Chinese. In spite of that, the boys were able to achieve the Junior Local standard in English when they had completed Class Higher Middle II, a fact which he attributed to a little different method of teaching and to the fact that having secured a thorough grounding in Chinese, they were able to pick up English more quickly from Lower Middle II upwards.

Miss D. Henderson, of Kowloon Docks, was fined \$5 by Mr. Macfadyen for leaving her car unattended in Salisbury Road between 11 a.m. and 12.05 p.m. on January 21.

CHINA MAIL

FRIDAY SUPPLEMENT, FEBRUARY 10, 1939

ONE COULDN'T SWALLOW

IT was a pill started it. Mack sneezed, one of those shattering sternutations that start cracks in the ceiling and faults in the foundations. Sneezed again and a third time. Flockhart left the room.

He was back in a minute with a glass of water and the pill. Mack just grinned sheepishly.

"Flock, I couldn't swallow that if it was to save my life."

"Rot!" growled Barrett.

Flockhart flicked the pill of quinine into the fire, drank the water, smiled queerly at Barrett.

"I know what you're thinking, Barrett, but you're wrong. I felt the same way about it till I saw a fellow die — just because he couldn't swallow."

"The floor's yours," growled Barrett resignedly, wriggling himself into his chair.

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I was in the Palestine Police at the time (began Flockhart) and was supposed to be responsible for quite a largish district between Ber Sheba and the frontier, meaning, in simple English, that, if anything went really wrong, I was the bloke that would get shot up. But the pay was good and it wasn't a bad life for anyone who liked that kind of life. Plenty to do,

interested in men than in camels, and I couldn't extend the compliment to them. Real, scruffy villains they looked, all six of 'em. But there was a seventh as obviously all wrong as the six were wrong and yet all right.

You see, you rather expect the Arab in that part of the country to be a bad hat, that's to say, according to our code: for robbery and raiding and an odd spot of murder just make up their way of living a natural, peaceful, life. This seventh was all wrong because I knew instinctively that he couldn't do any of these things.

He seemed an oldish man, though probably not as old as he looked, spare of body with just the suspicion of a slouch about his shoulders. But it was his face that made me so sure. The grey-white beard-line and moustache, the fine straight nose, the broad deep, wrinkled forehead all seemed to fit in, almost prepared you for the starting calmness, the utter contentment of his deep-set eyes. And, if you still wanted proof that he was different, it was there where the slopes of the wadi faded and the thirsty sand marked its victory

just to drop in at my place and I'd arrange for Arif, my gardener, to give him any seeds or plants I could spare. Good Lord, from the look on his face you'd have thought I'd promised the old fellow a front stall in Paradise.

I saw Saad regularly after that — I got to like dropping over. Somehow it seemed to fill a gap somewhere. He had mustered up courage enough to take advantage of my offer and nothing Arif "spared" him seemed to fail. He was a positive, green-fingered marvel. And his enthusiasm was like a child's. He was already planning to add to his plot, had the picture of it glowing in his head.

Then one day he wasn't there when I rode into the wadi. And his goatskin tent and rugs had vanished. And a row of seedlings dropped in the weakness of a long thirst. Three or four of the other Beduin of the wadi had strolled together and were looking at me in a sort of sullen curiosity. I went over and asked them bluntly what had become of Saad.

Shoulders were shrugged. One waved a hand vaguely towards Sinai.

"Gone," said another laconically, as if the one word explained everything.

It would have in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred. Saad was the hundred and it didn't explain his absence to me, not by a long chalk. I questioned them further: When had he departed? Six days back, seven, perhaps. Had he said when he would return? He had said nothing. They had asked him?

"Does the officer not know that one asks no questions in the desert? Perhaps he has gone to visit a very sick father at Aqaba."

"His father lives at Aqaba?" I inquired eagerly.

The Arab just grinned insolently at me.

"Who knows? All men have fathers and why not at Aqaba?"

"Well, I was never fond of banging my head against a brick wall so I packed up, kicking myself for giving these damned Beduin the chance to get one up on me. But I'd got it so fixed in my head that Saad would stick in that wadi as long as water bubbled from the well . . .

"Yes, I'd been surprised and forgotten I was a policeman. Put my questions like a curious school-boy and got what I asked for. Damn it, the sly fellow who'd suggested Saad had gone to see his sick father had probably told the truth. It would tickle him to death to think he'd done that and yet made me disbelieve him. It certainly explained Saad leaving his beloved garden; and, after, all, who was going to do any harm to a peaceful old chap like Saad? By the time I got back to Ber Sheba I was quite easy in my mind again. I'd give him a little time to get back and then make a point of dropping over.

But various odd spots of bother cropped up and it must have been a good six weeks before I could slip over to the wadi to have another crack with Saad. He wasn't

there. I strolled through his garden, thinking how he would feel when he did return and see what the desert had done while his back was turned. His seedlings dead, his crops dying. Only the oleanders, rooted in the wet sand where the rivulet seeped away, still flourished.

Then I was staring incredulously at something that lived and flourished between two of the oleanders. I stared till I had the picture of it in my mind. I stopped by the tent of one of the Beduin just a moment to pass the obviously idiotic remark that Saad had not yet returned. Then I was hell for leather back to Ber Sheba.

I looked at an orderly row of vigorous green fronds in my garden and knew I had made no mistake. Then I had a word with Arif, my tame gardener. When had Saad last been in to see him? Arif thought a long time: nearly two moon back it must have been. Had he given Saad anything?

My excitement must have induced a quite unintentional snap in my voice. Arif hung his head, rubbed his hands uncomfortably against his galabeyah, began muttering something about master saying he could give Saad anything he had too much of. Again I asked him and this time I did snap.

"The seed of the new carrot you get from England," confessed the now thoroughly frightened Arif. "It just came when Saad came. There seemed so much. I give Saad a little, just very little."

The carrots growing in the wadi between the two oleanders were the English carrots I had got out to try, for the local carrots were rotten little things. And they were growing in a bunch. Saad might leave his garden to see a dying father—but he would never sow precious carrots in a bunch.

Next morning I went out to the wadi with a dozen men, arrested the half dozen Beduin. I told them they were suspected to being concerned in a tribal raid and were

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Short Story By Richard Carol

plenty of variety, and not much butting in of top-sides about things that didn't matter a hoot. There were drug-smugglers always trying to run hashish and heroin across Sinai and the tribes were liable to give odd spots of bother.

Actually I had my headquarters at Ber Sheba, but I spent most of my time out, trekking around with my eyes open — and sometimes, when it seemed wise, very tight shut. And it was on one of these trips that I came across a Beduin encampment in a wadi some ten miles from Ber Sheba.

It was a quaint little spot, looked just the sort of scene they'd rig up on the stage, knowing not a darn thing about it. You came on it suddenly from the dune desert, just found yourself, before you knew what had happened, slithering down a sandy lane to a trickle of water you could jump over. It came from a surface well at the top of the wadi, rippled along quite ambitiously for about a hundred yards, then lost heart and died away in a patch of wet sand. A bit brackish, but desert thirst can't afford to be particular, and in the hot weather the camels and goats and sheep from miles around would drop in for a nip and a chaser—and stay till closing time.

Some of the camels stayed on in that wadi — and a good bunch they were, too. I'm no expert on camel flesh, but there's as much difference between a first-class riding camel and the ordinary transport camel as there is between a butterfly and a moth. And these beasts had a build that spoke of a very nice discretion on the part of their parents. But, at the time, I was much more in-

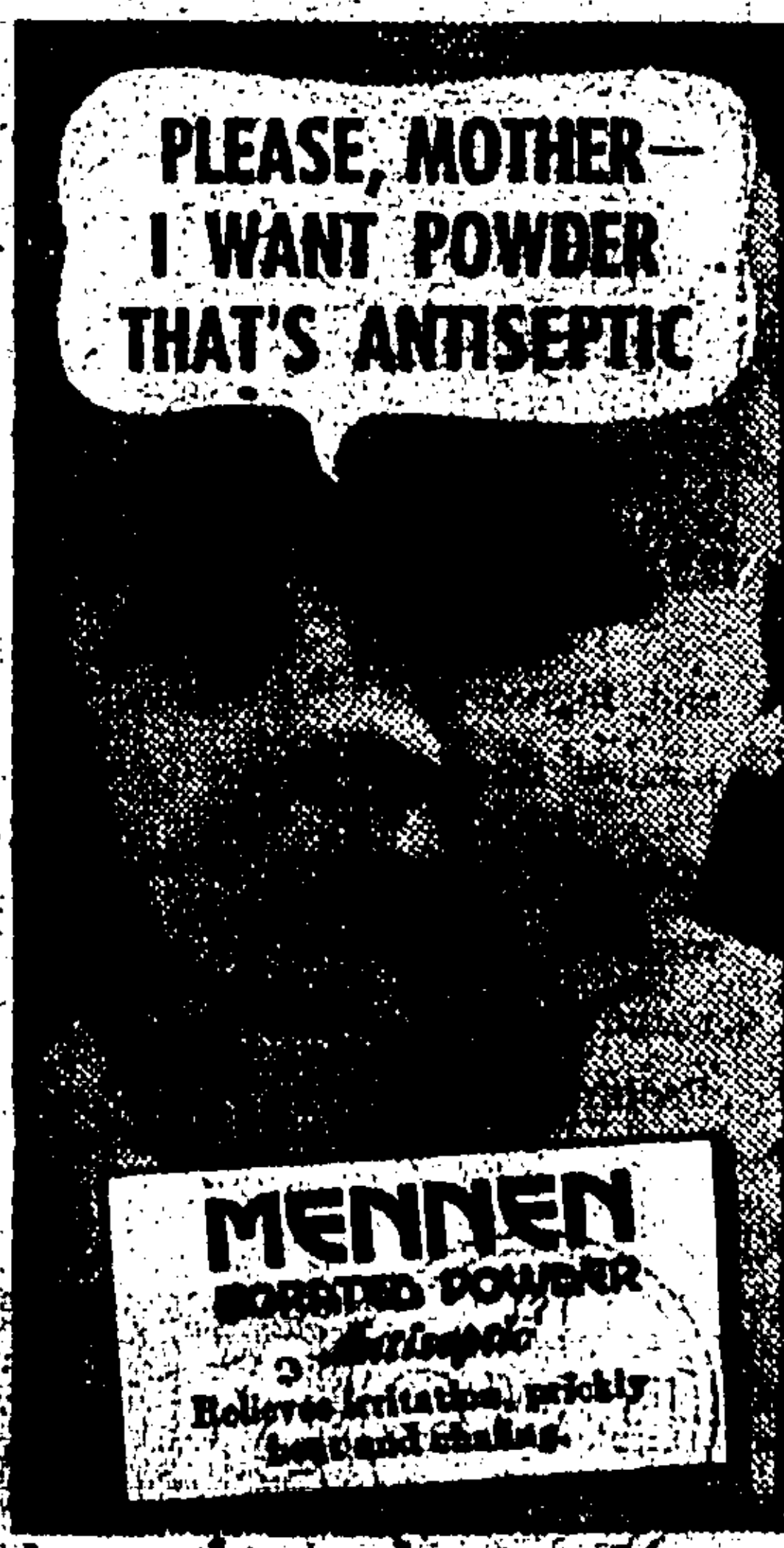
over the upstart rivulet. This strange nomad had actually contrived a garden!

You chaps probably wouldn't have recognised it as a garden. No alyssum and lobelia, or geraniums or ramblers over nice little pergolas. Just a plot of dwarf barley, a dozen short rows of beans, some twenty-mingy Arishy tomato plants and, round the edge nearest the water, seven oleanders. That's what got me—the seven oleanders.

The Beduin is a wanderer: it's in his blood. Perhaps he'll scatter a few seeds in the ground and harvest the under-nourished crop—but, after that, he'll move on again some place else. To cultivate properly would be to root himself and sell his birth-right. Yet this strange fellow had reared these seven oleanders that could offer him nothing but the smell and the beauty of their flowers—unless he knew something about them that I didn't.

So I asked him: he seemed afraid, and, for a while I could get nothing out of him. But, in the end, he confessed he had seen the trees in a wadi in Trans-Jordan during a caravan trip and brought back some of the seeds because the flowers were pretty and smelt sweetly.

Well, at my headquarters in Ber Sheba I had quite a decentish patch myself. I like a spot of colour and the taste of a vegetable straight from the ground: and I'm always ready to talk around and about things that grow so long as Latin names don't come into it. So, for quite a while, we chattered and, before I left the wadi, I told him if he happened to be Ber Sheba way any time





Club forwards secure the ball during one of the lineouts in last Saturday's Rugby match between the Malayan Rugby Union fifteen and the Club, when they shared 38 points. Seen above are McHugh, Lt. Cdr. Linton (Referee—back to camera), McBride, Harding, Ronalle, A. J. G. Taylor, Craigie, Peers, Henderson and Hutchison.



Miss V. Blackburn, captain of the H. K. Ladies' team, receiving the (junior) Seven-A-Side Knill Cup from Mrs. T. E. Pearce, President of the Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Association. Mrs. F. W. Webb, Hon. Secretary of the Association is in the background.



Some of the spectators and players at the Ladies' Seven-A-Side Hockey Tournaments held last Saturday on the Central British School ground.



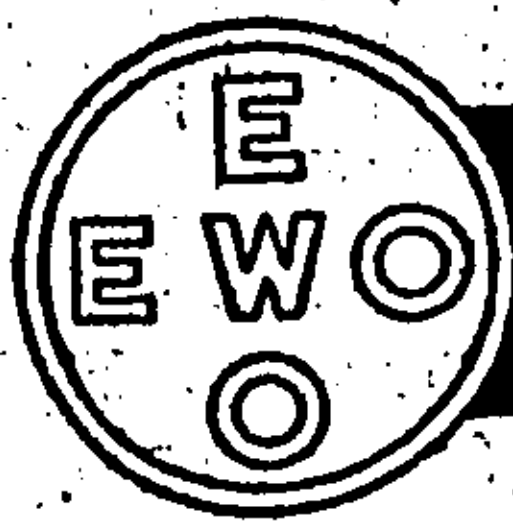
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CABBAGES AND KINGS

Early To Bed?

DO all good motorists in Nottingham go to bed early? At any rate, it is apparently thought so, because the city's traffic signals are put out of action every night before midnight.

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Wonderful

Two boys, whose mothers were political speakers, were discussing what their respective mothers could do.

"My mother can talk on any subject," said one of the lads proudly.

"That's nothing," replied the other, "mine can talk without a subject at all."

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Counting His Chickens

Asked by Kettering magistrates if he had any statement to make in reply to a charge, a defendant said: "I haven't any money on me. Could you give me time to pay?"

He might have given the magistrates time to decide whether he was guilty or not.

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Retired

"What is your occupation?" asked the judge sternly.

"I haven't any," replied the prisoner, unblushingly. "I just circulate round, so to speak."

"Please note," said the judge to the court clerk, "that this gentleman is herewith retired from circulation for 30 days!"

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Not Mentioned

There is a rule in criminal Courts that requires a witness when repeating the words of other persons to use their exact words and also speak in the first person, and this has now and again led to amusing Court incidents.

"Witness," the Judge asked, "did the prisoner say 'I stole the horse'?"

"Oh, no, my Lord," was the reply, "your Lordship's name was never mentioned."

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Second Thoughts

Recently the Leicester City magistrates fined a Bradford motorist 40s. on a speeding charge and ordered his licence to be endorsed; later on they recalled the motorist and a police witness and further considered the summons.

They then reduced the fine to 20s., but would not agree to the defendant's suggestion that he should pay the full 40s. and his licence should not be endorsed.

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Court Humour

Witness: This dog is the terror of the district, but he is always very friendly to the police.

Motorist: I had no intimation of the accident. I heard a bang, but in time like these it may mean anything.

Solicitor at Highgate: Were you travelling in an easterly or a westerly direction?

Motorist: Towards the setting sun.

Clerk: Have you anything else to add?

Woman witness: Oh, yes, I could go on telling this tale for ever.



T. Henderson caught by our photographer as he was about to drive during the Medal Play stages of the Barry Trophy over the Kowloon Golf Club course last Sunday.



A. B. Clemo at the top of his swing prior to driving off during the Medal Play stages of the Barry Trophy over the Kowloon City course last Sunday.



The Army Triangular Tournament Hockey team, seen above, drew with the Macao Hockey Club last Sunday when they shared two goals in a fast and exciting game at Sookunpoo. L. to R. (Top Row) are Datta Ram, Fraser, Carter, Osman, Lt. Indarjit Singh and Lt. Hook (Captain). (In Front) Shah Wall, Lt. Pritam Nath, Nerain Singh, Partaub Singh and A. F. Austen.

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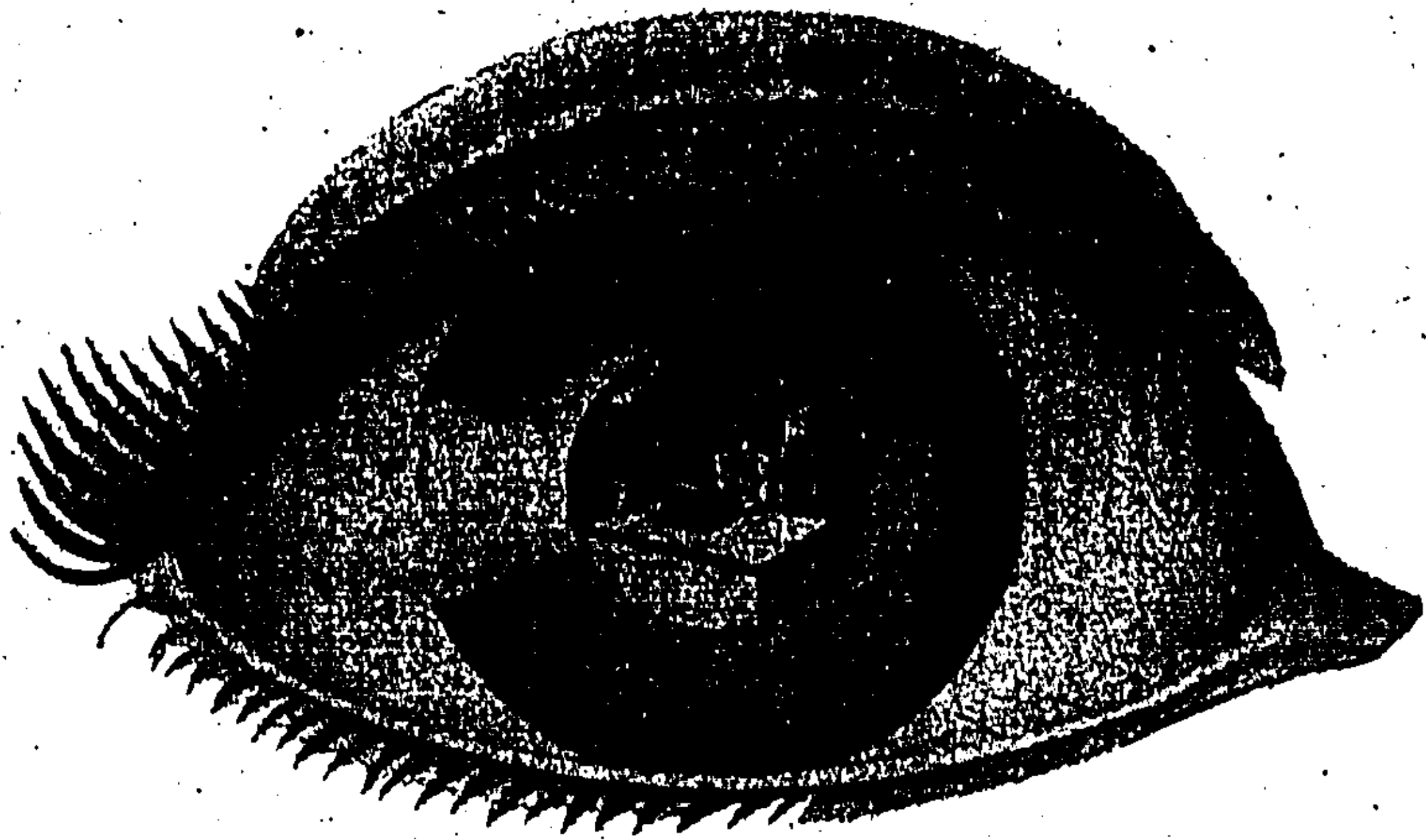
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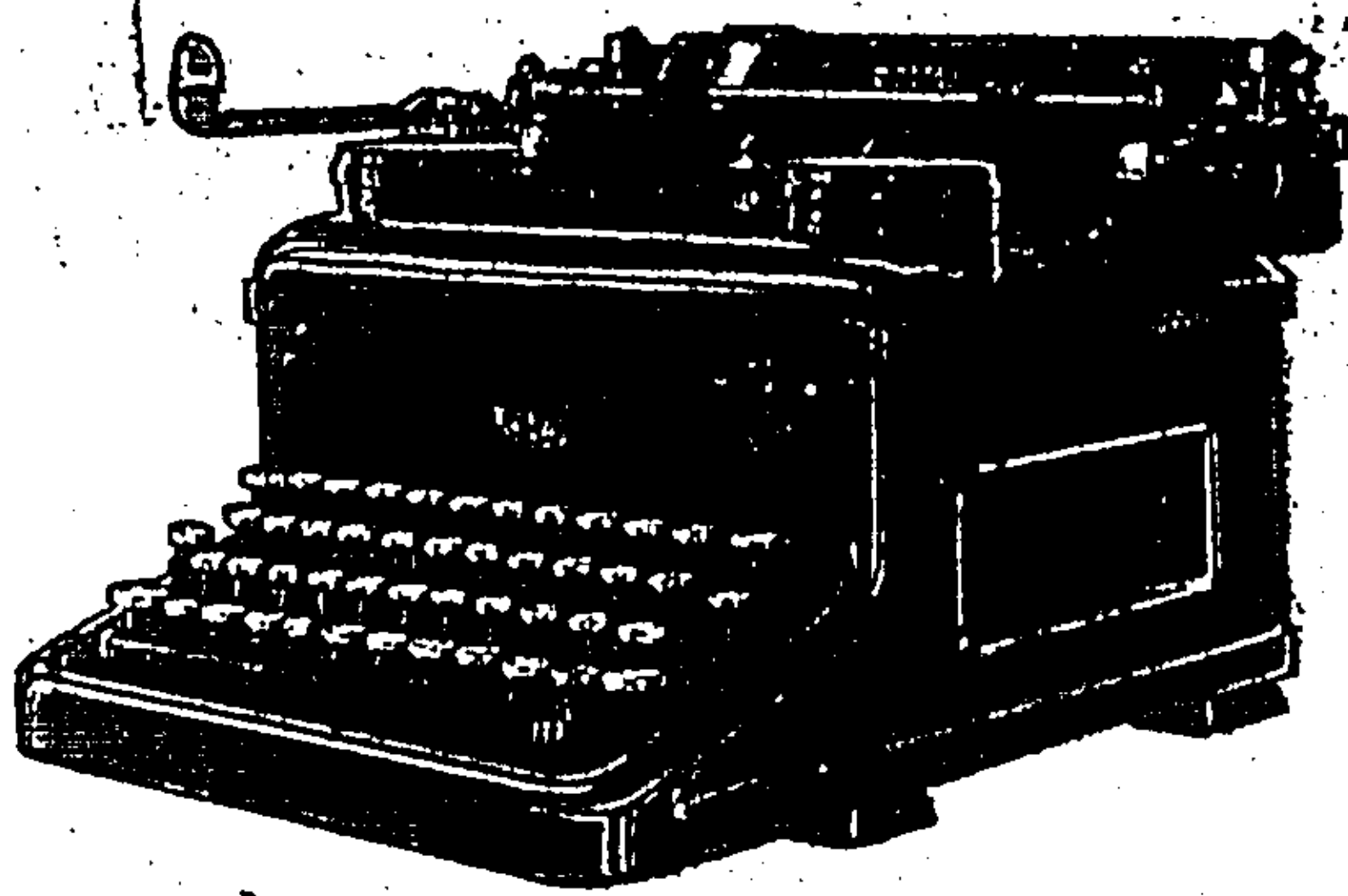


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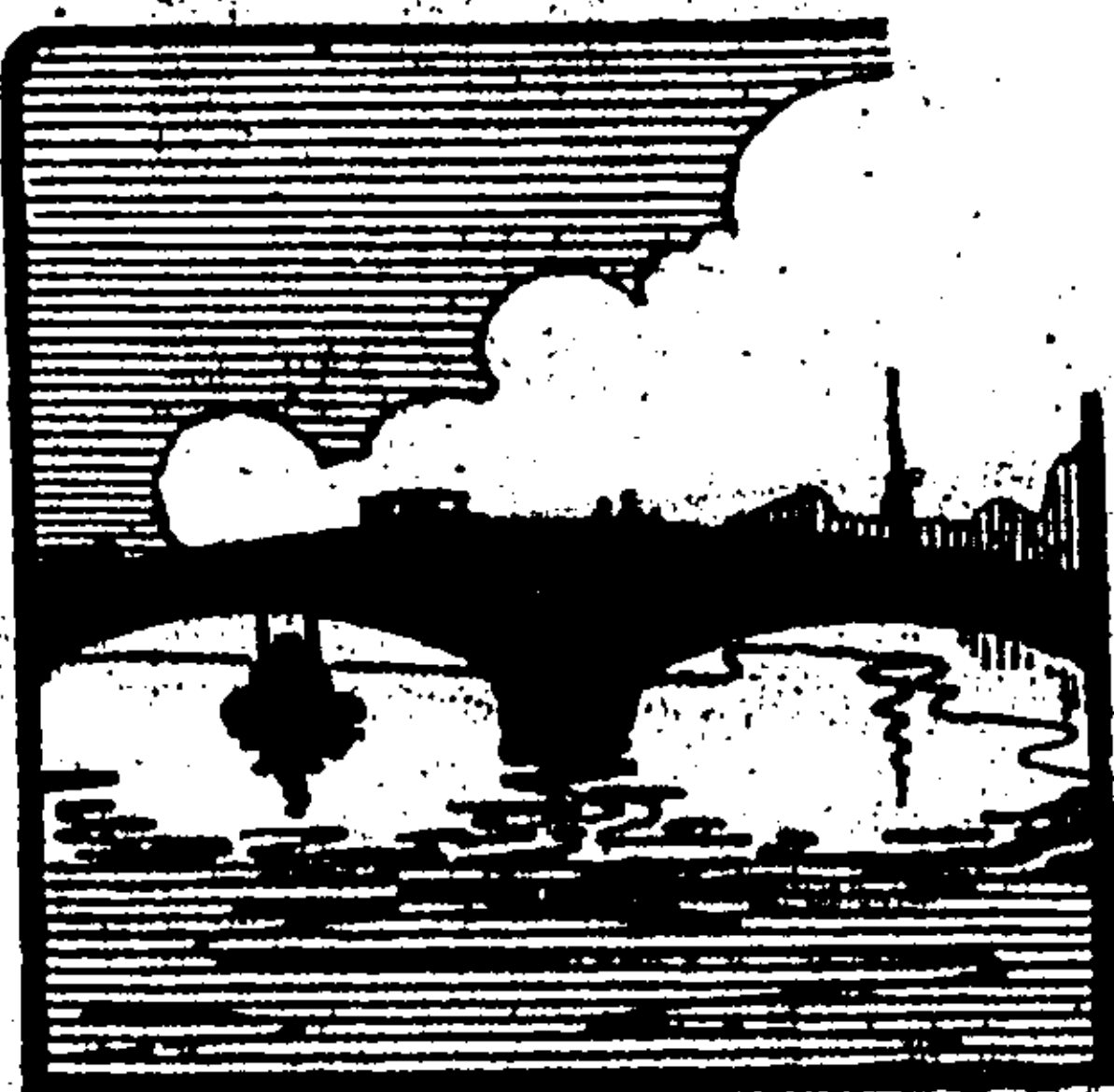
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WE'VE CIRCLED OVER HUNDRED OF THESE SMALL KEYS WITHOUT ANY LUCK, TOMMY!

AND IN HALF AN HOUR I'LL BE TOO DARK TO LOOK FURTHER!

ONE HOUR LATER.

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HE DECIDED TO GO TO THE HOME OF ZEKE POTTS, AN OLD FRIEND, WHO KNOWS THE HISTORY AND LORE OF MOST OF THE FLORIDA KEYS. AND SO.

UM, MM!..WELL, TOMMY, THERE ARE SEVERAL UNINHABITED ISLANDS OFF THE COAST. WHERE PLUME HUNTERS AND OTHER LAW VIOLATORS WOULD NATURALLY TAKE REFUGE.

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THE LEGEND OF SKELETON KEY GOES BACK TO PIRATE DAYS. WHEN, A BUCCANEER, WHO HAD CAPTURED LORD FAIRFAX AND HIS LOVELY DAUGHTER, BURIED A BILLION IN TREASURE ON ITS LONELY SHORES.

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THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S CORNER

By Mariel Nissen

INDEPENDENCE COMMEMORATIVES

THE rate at which European nations are being dominated by dictatorships, or absorbed by stronger powers, opens the possibility that the words "freedom" and "independence" will soon be nothing but subjects for philatelic phrasing.

Proof that some of the smaller nations of Europe still believe in the torch of liberty is evinced by two new stamp issues commemorating independence anniversaries. Both Poland and Latvia this year celebrate the 20th anniversary of independence, and issue special stamp sets as part of the attendant ceremonies. Both these nations were created in their present form by the Treaty of Versailles.

Poland was formed from territories formerly owned by Prussia, Austria, and Russia. One of the most important features of the creation of the new state was giving the Poles access to the sea. The sea ports of Gdynia and Danzig were opened them. The stamp set commemorating the birth of a free and

united nation was an extended series of stamps picturing 17 events of the nation's history with five stamps especially designed to mark Poland's accessibility to the Baltic.

Several of the men honoured in the series are new to philately's rapidly growing gallery of heroes.

The 5 groszy reddish-brown pictures Boleslav I saluting Emperor Otto III on his arrival at Gnesen. Boleslav was king of Poland from 992 until his death in 1025. Otto was Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire and the scene depicted on the stamp shows him honouring the relics of the martyred saint, Adalbert.

The 10gr. green pictures Casimir the Great with three companions being received by Wierzynek, a subject. The date inscribed on the stamp is 1364, the year in which Casimir founded the first University of Cracow.

On the 15gr. reddish-brown appears King Vladislav II Jagello with his queen, Hedwig. The queen is pictured giving to the rector of the Academy of Cracow documents of

foundation. Vladislav was a pagan who became a Christian. His second son King Casimir IV ruled over Poland from 1447 until his death in 1492. He is pictured on the 20gr. pale green stamp holding his orb and sceptre.

The Treaty of Lublin, signed in 1596 made Lithuania a part of Poland and the event is perpetuated on the 25gr. dark violet stamp.

King Stephen Batory appears on the 30gr. red in the act of commending a peasant for bravery. Into the reign of Sigismund the third we go for the next scene, appearing on the 45gr. steel gray, which portrays two army generals standing behind the coat of arms.

One of Poland's most famous heroes, John Sobieski is pictured on the 50gr. reddish-violet. He is shown entering Vienna in 1683 when the city was delivered from the Turks.

The adoption of the Polish Constitution in 1791 is the event honoured on the 55gr. blue which depicts the union of the three estates—nobles, commoners and peasants.

This constitution was short-lived. The French Revolution led to a partition of the kingdom and Russia, fearing that Poland would become a strong state, encroached further on the small nation's territory. Patriots active in revolts against these invasions were Dabrowski, Kasciusko, and Pniniowski, pictured on the 70gr. olive stamp.

Armies of Russia, Prussia and Austria invaded the country, quelling all revolts, and forced the king to abdicate. The subsequent partition of territory gave the invaders possession of the land until 1914.

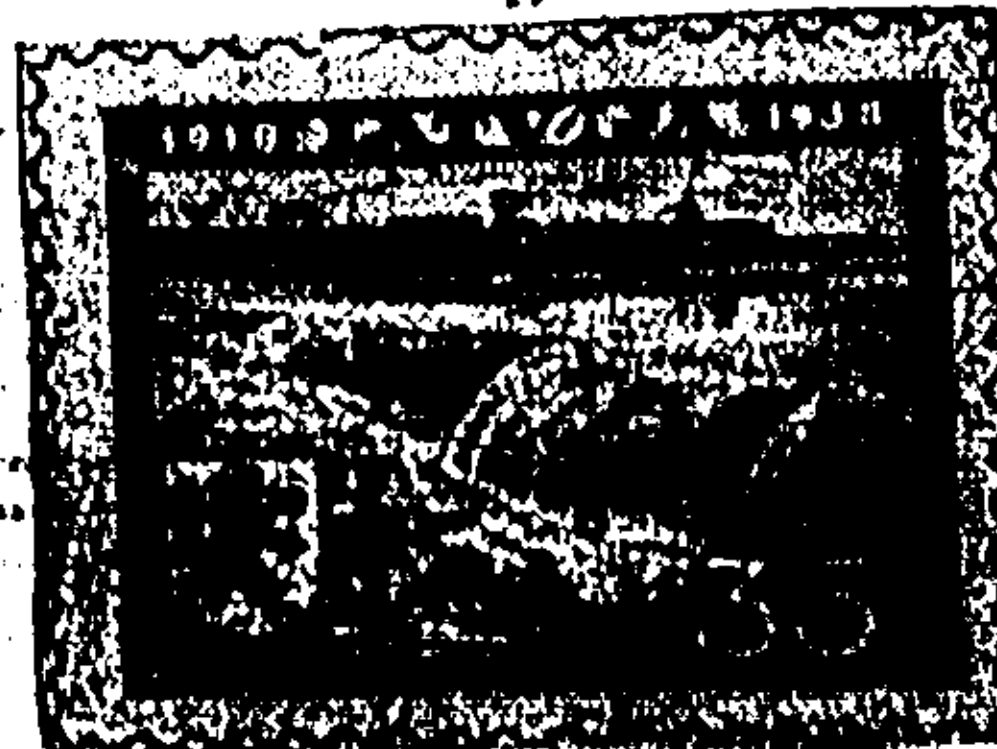
The 1 zloty orange gives us an allegorical scene honouring a revolt against the Russians in 1830.

We come to modern times on the 3z. dark blue, which presents a portrait of the famous marshal and premier, Joseph Pilsudski. This stamp appears on a miniature sheet of four in deep violet. The other three pictures are of J. Moraczewski, Poland's first president, Ignace Moscicki, the present chief executive and Inspector of the Army Marshal Edward Smigly-Rydz.

Stamps issued for Polish post offices in the free city of Danzig picture the port in the 16th century. Values and colours are: 5gr. reddish-brown, 10gr. reddish-brown, 25gr. deep violet and 55gr. blue.

ISSUE FROM LATVIA

LATVIA lacks the historical background that made possible Poland's extensive and interesting issue. The inhabitants of the Baltic province were subject to the Poles in the 17th century. In 1680 their land became part of Sweden and in 1721 Peter the Great acquired it for Russia. For a brief period in 1918 Germany had possession of the territory and a sovereign state was created in 1918.



Scenes of the country dominate the anniversary issue and a few portraits are included. Briefly the set is described as follows:

Forest of Lioland—3 santimu orange-brown.

Lake Lattgallen—5c yellow-green.

Riga, the capital city—30s blue.

Waterfalls at Courland—35s slate-gray.

Farms—40s dull violet.

Portrait of General J. Balodis, War Minister—10s green.

President Karl Ulmanis—20s carmine.

Each stamp bears the dates 1918 and 1938.

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BURMA NOW HAS STAMPS

SINCE 1917 Burma has used postage paper of India overprinted "Burma". Now the colony has its own stamps consisting of King George VI portraits and several interesting views of the Indian state. The low denominations, in small size, bear a profile portrait of the King. These are: 3 pies purple, 6p. ultramarine, 9p. green, 1 anna brown, 1½a. bright green, 2a. carmine. The barge of a Burmese king appears on the 2½a. red-brown. Elephants carrying Burma teak appear on the 3a. brown-violet, and natives cultivating rice fields are shown on the 3½a. dark and light blue. A scene on the Irrawaddy River is featured on the 8a. dark green.

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IN THE FUTURE

STAMPS commemorating the sesquicentennial of the United States Constitution will be issued by Panama in the very near future.

The New York World's Fair is due for considerable philatelic honour from other nations, if present rumours prove correct. A limited number of commemorative stamps for the Polish Pavilion are due shortly. They will be printed in four colours.

Save your cents for the new Nicaraguan stamps. Five new sets are expected early in the New Year from this Central American country.

Canada is practically certain to issue a commemorative set for the visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth this spring.

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STAMP TEASERS

1. Where is Mt. Chimborazo and what stamp pictures it?
2. On what stamp does the design consist of flags, a bible and altar?
3. What country issued stamps for the first world gathering of Mohammedans?
4. On what stamp do we see a potter examining a vase?
5. A soldier using a bayonet appears on what adhesive?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. President Trujillo rules over the Dominican Republic.
2. An Italian stamp of 1933 pictures Garibaldi carrying his dying wife, Anita, to a farmhouse near Mandriole.
3. Natives chasing wild horses may be found on a 1932 Mongolian stamp.
4. A composite view of the city of Stockholm appears on a Swedish stamp of 1924.
5. A kiwi is a bird of New Zealand, and the British Dominion has pictured it on several stamp issues.

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ONE morning I was summoned by my father, who told me I was to accompany him to the palace the following Friday to be presented to the Queen Ghamar-ed-Dowleh who had expressed a desire to see me. The great day arrived and with it a command from Father to be ready at four o'clock in the afternoon. Laleh and I were ready when my father came from his room. He looked truly imposing! He wore a white linen shirt which opened at one side, fastened with a single button on the right shoulder. Over this was an arkhalogh of old Ispahan ghalamkar padded with a thin layer of cotton wool and quilted with silk thread, another coat called gheba, of light blue silk textile named aghari, tight at the waist and fastened with a button made of knotted silk thread; a shawl of kerman long enough to be wound around his waist three times was wrapped over this garment, the sleeves of which had pointed cuffs lined with Cashmere shawl and a narrow border of rare brocade. A long orange-coloured djobbah which touched the ground was thrown over his shoulders. This was the Shah's gift on last New Year's feast. It was lined with the finest sable, with hundreds of small fluffy tails hanging in fringe-fashion. The sleeves, which reached the ground, were very wide at the shoulders and gradually tapered to a narrow opening through which the hands could with difficulty be squeezed. As a rule, father used the djobbah as a cape for ceremonial visits, and only passed his hands through the sleeves in the presence of the Shah. He wore a pair of black trousers, black shoes, and woollen socks of beautiful colours woven into geometrical designs.

He carried a long walking stick of a rare wood called arjan which is a light brown and needs no varnishing. The wood is so flexible that it can be bent double without breaking, yet it is extremely heavy. Father had a great collection of these sticks which had been accumulating for centuries. Each had belonged to one of his forefathers and each had its story

Outside the gate our horses were waiting. Father's was a beautiful white Arab stallion, the gift of Prince Naye-es-Sultaneh, the Shah's third son, then Governor of Teheran. For more than a year and a half now I had been the proud possessor of a horse, and my beloved donkey was used by my little brother. As we approached, an old servant called the "guardian of the bridles" lifted from the saddle of Father's horse a covering embroidered in purple and black, folded it lengthwise, threw it on his shoulder and walked alongside my father's horse. The carrying of this covering before a mounted gentleman was one of the privileges granted the members of the reigning dynasty and the old nobility. Two servants rode in front at a distance of some hundred yards. Laleh rode behind us.

I was very proud and happy. It was the first time I had ever ridden with my father in formal procession.—From "In the Imperial

ONE COULDN'T SWALLOW

(Continued from Page 1)

being taken into Ber Sheba for examination and identification. They already thought me a bit of a fool and, knowing themselves quite innocent of the charge, went quite peacefully, grinning like camels. For a couple of miles I accompanied them, then broke off and slipped back to the wadi.

I had taken a trowel with me and I soon had that bunch of carrots up. But I went on digging, almost in a fury, and then I was looking at all that was left of Saad. My guess had been right—Saad had never sown those carrots; his murderer had sown them for him when he buried his body.

But who was the murderer? I went through the tents of the Beduin I had arrested, hoping to find something of Saad's I could recognise. Not a sign. That the murderer was one of that six stood out a mile. But which one? And how was I to prove anything?

They would just have to say that they had gone on a trip and, when they came back, Saad had disappeared and I would be up a gum tree. I raged up and down that wadi, swearing that the cold-blooded murder of poor Saad should not go unavenged. Loud words that didn't mean a thing. The more I tried to think, the more hopeless it all seemed. Then I stood again by the grave of Saad, staring unseeing for a while till suddenly my eyes saw only that bunch of carrots.

Carefully I filled in the sand, replanted the carrots and made all nice and smooth. Then I went back to Ber Sheba.

The Governor thought a long time before he nodded. Bishaa, the trial by fire, might also succeed, but there was, he admitted but there was, he admitted graciously, an appropriateness about my suggestion. He would arrange for three sheikhs of the tribal court to carry out the trial.

So the next day we rode out to the wadi, the three sheikhs with their ivory-hilted scimitars, the six Beduin under guard of a dozen of my men. And, by the oleanders that Saad had planted because they were pretty and smelt sweetly, the sheikhs set up their court. Then the eldest spoke to the six who had dwelt with Saad in the wadi.

"These carrots," he said gravely, pointing at the green tops, "they have sprung from the body of a dead man. One of you has slain that man. Allah, who knows everything, knows that man. I command each of you to come forward, to look on the face of the dead, to eat of the life that has grown from death." The sheikh paused, raised high his hands and slowly the words seemed to fall like a curse: "Allah the all-powerful will reveal, for the carrot will stick, even be the piece so small as a gnat's eye, in the throat of the guilty man."

While the carrots were dug up and the body of Saad exposed I watched closely—but not a flicker of an eyelid betrayed the killer. Then one of my men pushed the first forward. He chewed—for an interminable time, it seemed—swallowed, opened his mouth wide for inspection. The second chewed even longer, just grinned when

he caught my eye and swallowed. And the third.

Then one Shakir was prodded to the grave-side, snatched at the proffered carrot and began to chew. Chewed and chewed. Then suddenly he was no longer chewing and his throat bulged at his swallow. Then he would have turned away but the sheikh summoned him back.

"Open thy mouth."

Shakir swallowed again, convulsively, clenched his teeth.

"Open thy mouth," thundered the sheikh and this time the Beduin obeyed.

The pieces of carrot still lay in his mouth.

There was moment's deadly silence, suddenly shattered by one of the two who had not yet been put to the test.

"Allah knows. Allah has shown," he cried wildly. "O sheikh, there is now no need to put the rest of us on trial."

With one mad spring Shakir was on him, clawing at his throat, shrieking:

"Thou mess of foulness, it was thou who swore that Saad was a spy and was taking information to the police. It was thou who followed him to the garden of the officer that night and killed him when he returned. I only helped to bury him. Allah my witness."

Well, I can't tell you which of those two rogues did the actual killing—they shrieked curses at each other all the way back to Ber Sheba—but they both got it in the

neck (it was the safest way) and poor old Saad was avenged. You see, even if they'd given him the chance to explain, they'd never have believed he'd gone ten miles to get a few carrot seeds.

Flockhart shook his head a trifle thoughtfully.

"Yes, if I'd kept my mind on my job instead of getting all het up about flowers and vegetables old Saad might be alive to-day. Those fastriding camels—they were simply howling drug-running at me."

"Yes, chaps, I'm a rotten detective and I'm a rotten storyteller but—well, Shakir was one bloke who couldn't swallow to save his life."

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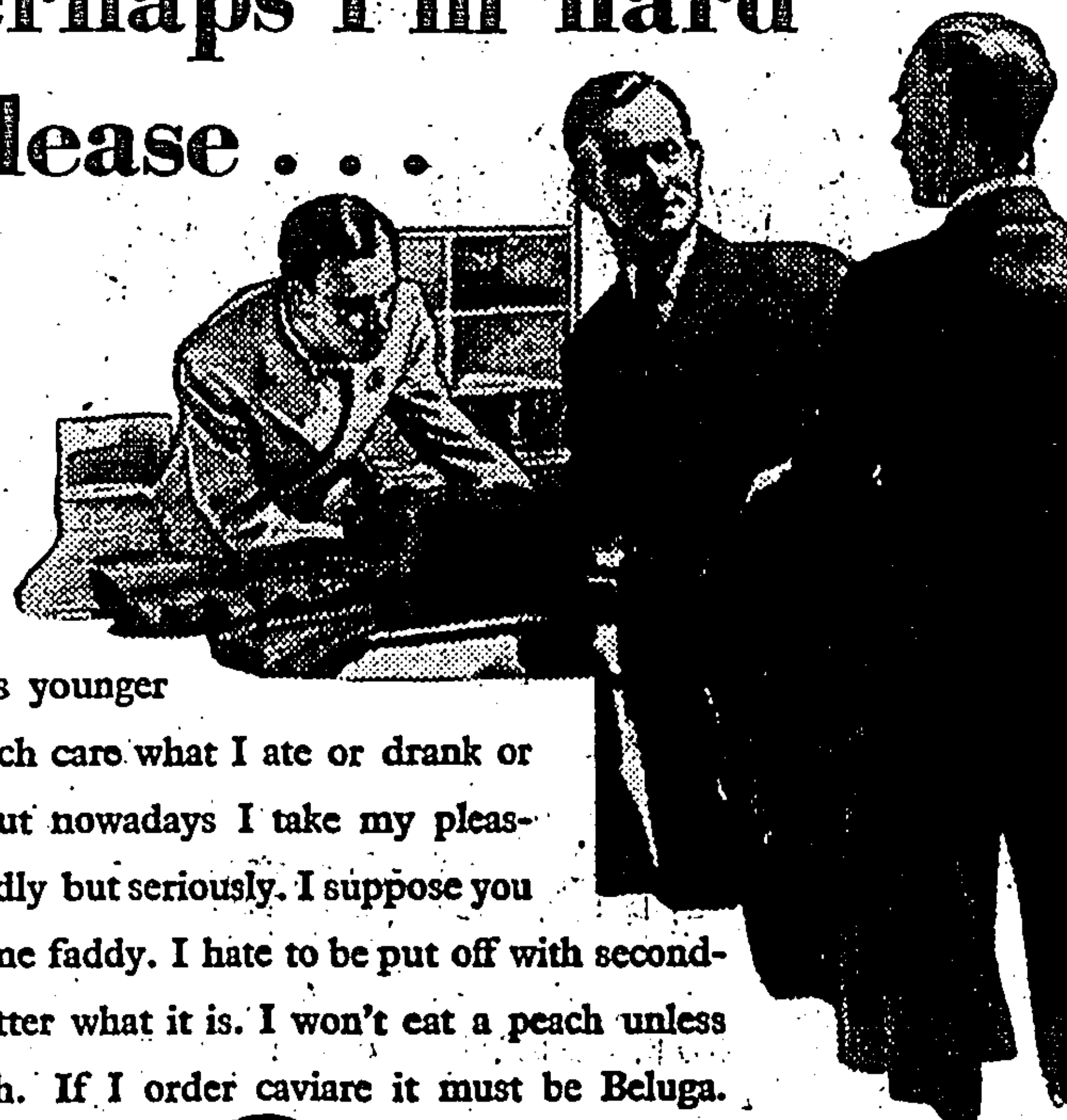
"Yes, sir," responded the applicant.

"Your written references seem to be all right, but tell me more about yourself."

"Well, my wife kept a household account for 30 days. One night after dinner I sat down and in less than an hour found out how much we owed our grocer."

"Hang up your hat and coat," directed the employer with a glad smile. "The job is yours."

"Perhaps I'm hard to please . . .



When I was younger

I didn't much care what I ate or drank or smoked. But nowadays I take my pleasures, not sadly but seriously. I suppose you would call me faddy. I hate to be put off with second-best, no matter what it is. I won't eat a peach unless it is English. If I order caviare it must be Beluga.

You see what I mean about whisky.

While I can obtain a whisky as soft and smooth as a fine liqueur, why on earth should I be put off with anything less than White Horse? I admit that perhaps I am hard to please—but take it from me, it pays."



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Rearmament Outstrips Appeasement

THERE is no longer any doubt that "rearmament" is the first consequence of the peace at Munich. Whatever the hopes for eventual appeasement, each new approach toward a realist settlement in Europe is accompanied by a further increase in armaments. Thus the non-aggression pact just concluded by France and Germany is accompanied by the increase of Germany's standing army from 14 to 18 army corps and by additional French expenditures totaling 2,807,000,000 francs to bolster France's already powerful war machine. The reconciliation between Britain and Italy is followed by the announcement that the British government will borrow an unspecified sum to cover the sharp rise anticipated in next year's defence budget.

The term "rearmament" was first applied to Germany in 1935 when Hitler denounced the disarmament clauses of the Versailles Treaty and set out to make the Third Reich the dominant military power in Europe. Despite the talk of "disarmament by example," however, no other great power ever allowed its armament budget to fall below the highest peak of pre-war spending, even

in the years when Briand, Stresemann and Ramsay MacDonald were discussing their draft treaties for mutual assistance and preparing for the world disarmament conference. To-day there are many liberals who would like to forget that the failure of the "peace-loving" powers to grant equality to a then democratic Germany, or to carry out their pledge to disarm, gave Hitler one of his most effective slogans in his march to power. In 1914 world military expenditures totaled just over 3.5 billion dollars; in 1932 the figures stood at 3.7 billion dollars. To-day the world's armament bill has reached 17.5 billion dollars.

It is also worth noting that the rate of increase during the past six years is without precedent in modern times, except for the period of actual hostilities during the World War. During the ten years before 1914 the military budgets of the great powers increased by about 60 per cent, a rise which was then view-

ed with some alarm. Yet this increase seems relatively modest when compared with the 370 per cent rise since 1932. Although the pre-War arms race was accompanied by some symptoms of financial strain, it did not act as a major inflationary force, nor did it alter the established structure of the great capitalist democracies.

One of the most striking characteristics of the current arms race is the extent to which it has played havoc with the economic life of almost every great industrial nation. Already there is no doubt that "rearmament" has become a powerful factor in the internal economy of an increasing number of states—including the democracies as well as the dictatorships.

In Germany, of course, the Nazi regime has transformed the entire economic structure of the nation in carrying out its vast rearmament programme. In the short space of four years Germany has organised a conscript army of 51 divisions and placed 1,000,000 men under arms. There is little doubt that General Goering has created the most powerful air force in Western Europe—though the figures of 10,000 first-line planes quoted during the Czechoslovakian crisis is certainly an exaggeration. More to the point is the fact that the productive capacity of the German aircraft industry is greater than that of any other European power, and probably greater than that of American industry.

The gearing of the entire national economy to the needs of the war machine is the characteristic feature of all of the totalitarian states. Italy, like Germany, is carrying forward a vast armament programme that full cost of which has never been revealed. In the midst of this programme Italy sent an army of 300,000 men to Ethiopia and kept a large force on Spanish soil.

Yet both Germany and Italy face serious economic and military problems as a result of their limited dependencies on raw materials from abroad and their shortage of foreign exchange. Antarchy has not solved the problems of finding sufficient food stuffs or raw materials to meet the needs of these countries ever in the time of peace.

Japan, like Germany and Italy, is forced to transform its economic structure of meet the needs of a war economy. All three states are hard pressed to find the necessary foreign exchange to pay for imports; they have virtually exhausted their gold reserves, and they face the prospect of continued borrowing.

But these effects of rearmament are not limited to the dictatorships or Japan. Some of the same symptoms are also found in the democracies. There is ample evidence that even Great Britain's industrial structure is being distorted by the exigencies of rearmament. Britain did not get its programme under way until 1936. But once the programme was launched military expenditures rose rapidly from £122,000,000 in that year to £320,000,000 for the year 1938-39. Great Britain was the last country to pay for its armament programme out of current income. In 1937, when the five year

programme was launched the government announced that £400,000,000 would be raised by means of a defence loan. A memorandum on Britain's long-term budget problem prepared by a group of British economists in 1938, points out that "the productive capacity of many industries, such as iron and steel, shipbuilding and certain branches of engineering is being expanded to a level which apart from rearmament would be greatly in excess of our requirements."

France's rearmament programme, while less costly than Britain's, has dominated the economic and financial position of the nation to an even greater extent. Budget figures for the past two years reveal and that one-third of France's total expenditures have been used directly for national defence.

No one can survey the war preparations of the past few years without concern. Responsible statesmen and economists have sounded repeated warnings that the consequences of rearmament cannot be disregarded much longer. Quite apart from the political tension created by swollen armaments, the rapid increase of the past few years has profoundly affected the nation economy of virtually every industrial nation. Internally it has diverted capital and savings into non-productive enterprises. It has reduced the standard of living and interfered with many social services.

By W.T. Stone

In the short run this huge division of capital and savings has stimulated industrial activity and provided jobs for millions of unemployed workers. But in the long run, if the present trend is not checked, it threatens to lead to ruinous inflation or national bankruptcy.

No government to-day is able to pay for rearmament entirely out of savings. Even the Soviet Union, which has made the attempt, has been forced to borrow in recent years. Russia has been forced to sacrifice the demand for much needed consumers goods in order to appropriate nearly 40 per cent of its national income for armament purposes.

How long can the present trend continue? No one can say, and very few economists are even willing to hazard a guess. If no system can be devised for settling disputes by peaceful means; if grievances real or imaginary cannot be removed by agreement; if security cannot be found in some other way, then nations are likely to continue to arm. And governments can probably "afford" gigantic armament programmes just so long as they are able to impose forced savings and maintain the confidence of their peoples. But in order to accomplish these ends, governments are forced to take over a larger and larger share of the national income, to install more and more governmental controls and to suppress civil liberties. The dictatorships have paid the price. For the democracies, the ultimate cost of uncontrolled arms competition may be the loss of their free economic system and the end of democracy itself. "Christian Science Monitor."

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FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL MEETS TO-NIGHT

ALLEGED REASON FOR RECENT RIVER CLOSURE

ROME, TO-DAY.
THE FASCIST GRAND COUNCIL MEETS AT 10 O'CLOCK TO-NIGHT FOR THE SECOND TIME WITHIN A WEEK.

It is unlikely that foreign affairs will take up much time, as it is considered these were exhaustively covered at the last meeting.

There is no doubt, however, that the Spanish question, and particularly the question of Minorca, will be discussed.

No sensational communique is expected. — Reuter.

MORE AIR RAIDS ON PAKHOI YESTERDAY

Several air-raids were carried out on Pakhoi and nearby villages by Japanese aircraft throughout yesterday.

Fires are reported raging on the outskirts of Pakhoi.

About 15 junks were destroyed when bombs fell along the water-front. — Our Own Correspondent.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN JORDAN ROAD

Jordan Road, near Shanghai Street, was the scene of a highway robbery at about 11.15 p.m. last night when three men, armed with revolvers, held up a well-dressed Chinese on the footpath, and robbed him of \$200.

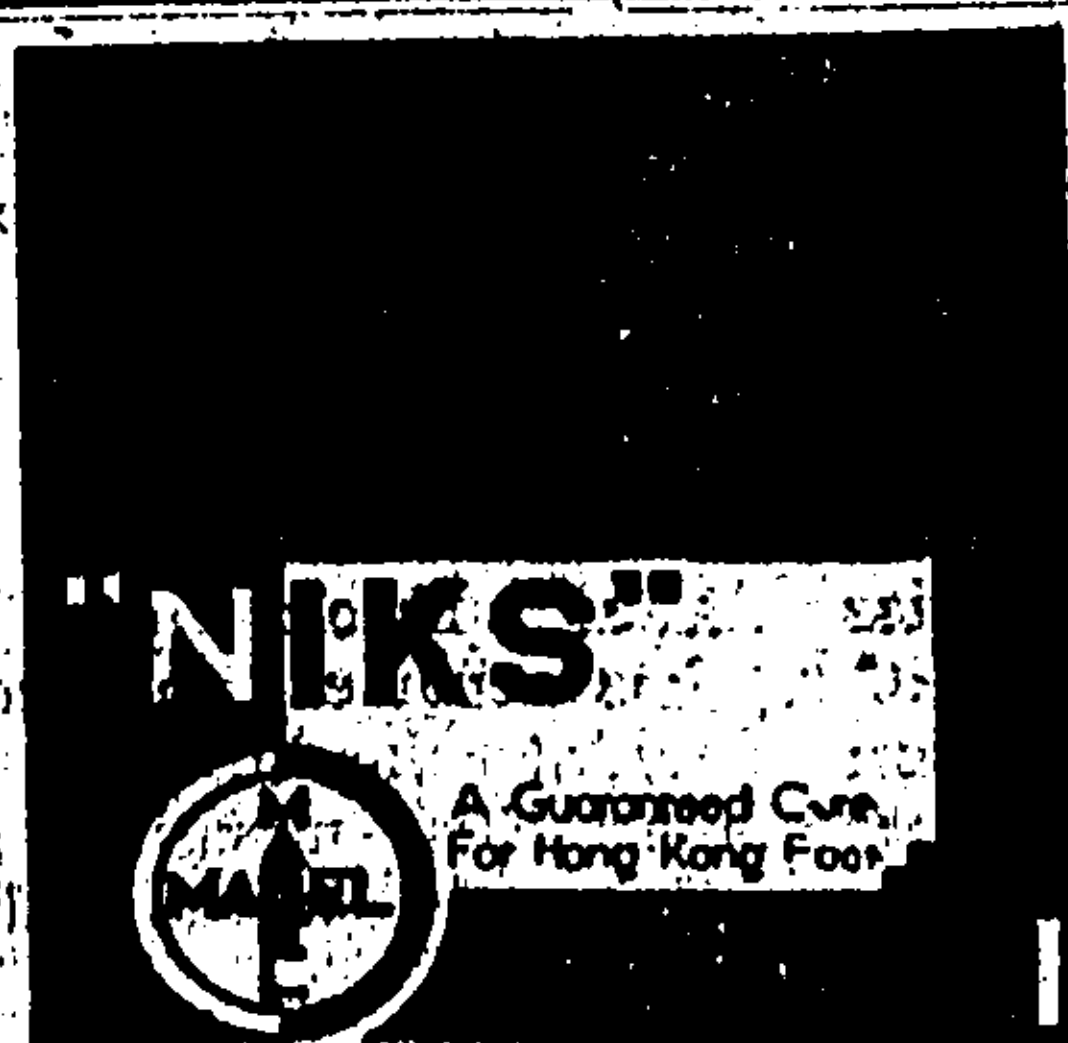
The footpads represented themselves to be plain-clothed policemen and searched the man with pointed revolvers.

A large party of police arrived when the alarm was given and made a minute search of the area, but no arrests were made.

SECOND U.S. LOAN TO CHINA?

Shanghai, To-day.
According to foreign banking circles here a second loan to China will shortly be forthcoming from America.

Negotiations between representatives of China and America are still continuing but it is believed that China will be successful in securing the loan. — Our Own Correspondent.



Macao, To-day.

Chinese aircraft, it is learned were responsible for the temporary closure of the Pearl River to all shipping, including Japanese merchant ships, last week-end.

Since the beginning of this month Chinese planes have been active over the water-route between Macao and Canton, and, it is learned, sunk a Japanese launch which was conveying food supplies from Macao to Canton.

The Japanese suddenly closed the river to all traffic pending the arrival of an aircraft-carrier from the Pakhoi area.

The ban was lifted on Tuesday when the vessel arrived in the Pearl River Delta.

The Macao-Canton service has been resumed. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE BOMB KANSU TOWNS

Lanchow, To-day.
Two open towns in south-east Kansu, Pingliang and Kuyuan, near the Shensi border, were raided yesterday by Japanese planes for the first time.

Altogether 20 Japanese bombers flew into Kansu. They split into two and one squadron of 11 machines bombed Pingliang and the other nine raided Kuyuan. No serious damage is reported from either place.

The air raid alarm was raised here yesterday morning. Chinese fighting planes took to the air, but the raiders failed to arrive. — Central News.

2 MORE AMERICAN DESTROYERS LAUNCHED

Kearny, N.J., Feb. 4.
Two new destroyers were launched at the naval yards here this morning, the ceremonies taking place within minutes of each other. More than 5,000 people crowded the yards to watch the new vessels "go down to the sea."

Each of these ships costs \$5,000,000. They are 334 feet long and are armed with several five-inch guns. They were christened the U.S.S. Hamman and the U.S.S. Anderson. — Havas.

RACING HEART GOES LAME

(By "RAPIER")
Racing Heart, an old Australian Subscription Grifin, which has been entered in the Flemington Plate at the coming Annual Race Meeting, and which is owned by Mr. Oliver, was taken out by a Russian riding boy over the half mile sprint distance this morning, and on completion of the gallop it was discovered that the pony had gone lame. The rider dismounted and the pony was led back to the stable.

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PALESTINE ARAB GROUPS AGREE TO WORK TOGETHER IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Agreement has been reached between the two sections of the Palestinian Arab delegations to the Palestine Conference.

It is confirmed officially that the two sections are to form a single delegation.

The Nashashibi Party will be represented by Raghe Bey, Nashashibi and Yacoub Farraj, Vice-President of the Defence Party. Farraj is also head of the Greek Orthodox community in Palestine.

The Secretary for Colonies, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, who has taken a prominent part in the negotiations, had an audience of the King yesterday afternoon and informed His Majesty of the latest situation.

A picturesque scene was presented by the arrival of the Arab delegates at St. James Palace for the first Palestine discussion yesterday.

GOLDEN SCIMITAR

The Egyptian delegation, wearing European dress, was followed by the Yemen representatives in white turbans and green sashes and wearing the customary daggers, while the leader, Prince Al Hussein, wore the famous golden scimitar.

Next came Prince Feisal heading the Saudi Arabians in long embroidered gold robes and the traditional flowing headdress.

Raghe Bey and Nashashibi were indisposed and were unable to attend, hence the Defence Party was not represented at the first meeting.

The conference began at 7.10 p.m.—Reuter.

WHITE-HAIRED WIDOW CHARGED WITH THEFT

A white-haired widow, 65, Li Yee, was brought before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy, charged with theft of five gold finger-rings and \$40.30 from another woman, on Wednesday.

Sub-Inspector C. T. Byron, prosecuting, said they were living in the same flat in Castle Peak Road.

On Wednesday afternoon, complainant found the rings and money were missing and reported to the police who arrested defendant at her nephew's shop in Lai Chi Kok Road later that night.

The rings and money were found in her possession.

Mr. Macfadyen said that because she was an old woman she would be sentenced to one month only.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anticyclone has formed over Mongolia and is extending southward.

A depression has formed to the east of Mindanao and is moving north-west.

Local forecast: N. E. and E. winds, moderate to fresh; fair.

SOLDIER'S ESCAPADE WITH MOTOR BUS

Pte. Hugh Kirkpatrick, of Nanking Barracks, was fined \$20 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning at Kowloon for driving a motorbus without being the holder of a valid driving licence and for driving the bus without the permission of the licensee.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Scrim stated that at 10.30 a.m. on January 20, the driver left the bus at the terminus stop outside the Barracks and went into the ticket-inspector's hut.

A little later, he noticed the bus was moving towards the Shamshuipo Police Station. He shouted but the soldier did not stop and the driver sought help from the police station.

When a police officer arrived, the bus was already stopped near Yen Chow Street in Lai Chi Kok Road.

Asked by Mr. Macfadyen why he did it, Kirkpatrick stated he had no intention other than to see whether he could drive it.

He was a licensed driver of all military vehicles.

ITALIAN DEFENCE COUNCIL IN SESSION

Rome, To-day.

The Supreme Defence Committee held its fourth sitting yesterday in the Palazzo Venezia under the chairmanship of Mussolini, to continue discussion of the items on the very extensive agenda, the consideration of which began on February 6.

The programme comprises the military organisation of the nation, the organisation and mobilisation of the civil population and industry as well as economic autarky in the case of emergency.—Trans-Ocean.

Miss Z. Carter, of the Helena May, has reported the loss of a canvas car cover, stolen from her car, while parked outside the Institute.

Miss Alice Kwok, of the Y.W.C.A., has reported that some person entered the building at about 5 a.m. this morning, and stole a silver wrist watch valued at \$40.

DEATH OF HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XI

Succumbs After Two Heart Attacks Last Night

ROME, 4 A.M., TO-DAY.

THE DEATH HAS OCCURRED OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE PIUS XI.

The condition of the Pope was stated late last night to be critical following two heart attacks during the day.

After the second attack, which occurred at 8.30 p.m., His Holiness was unable to speak.

His entourage feared the worst, and though no medical bulletins were being issued it was reported that the Pope was suffering from cardiac asthma and bronchial pneumonia.

A fainting spell, which lasted between 30 and 40 minutes, followed the second attack.

Pope Pius was immediately carried to bed.

Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, who has been mentioned as the next Pope, arrived in Rome yesterday.

Just before the heart attack it became known that the Pope's condition was such that he would be unable to take part in the ceremonies on Sunday, when Pontifical Mass for the anniversary of his Coronation is due to be observed.

His indisposition had persisted despite his resting for the past few days.—Reuter.

CARDINAL PACELLI HASTENS BACK

Cardinal State Secretary Pacelli, at the moment of the crisis, was outside the Vatican City, but at once returned to the Papal Apartments.

Yesterday in all churches of Rome vast multitudes prayed for the Holy Father's recovery.

Relatives of the Holy Father are in constant touch with the Vatican and left for Rome last night.

In all churches of Desio where great celebrations had been prepared for Sunday, prayers were held.—Trans-Ocean.

DEATH SUPERVENES

Rome, To-day.

His Holiness, Pope Pius XI passed away in the Papal Apartments in Vatican City at 4.31 this morning (Greenwich Time).

His Holiness' death occurred only two days before he was due to attend the ceremonies on Sunday in connection with the celebrating of Pontifical Mass for the anniversary of his Coronation.

His Holiness suffered two heart attacks yesterday, followed by a prolonged fainting spell, as a result of cardiac asthma and bronchial pneumonia.

82 YEARS OF AGE

Born Achille Ambrogio Damiano Ratti in the small town of Desio, in the Diocese of Milan, in 1857, Pope Pius first became Librarian of the Ambrosian and Vatican Libraries.

He was a marvellous linguist, and was credited with an acquaintance of at least 20 languages.

Only last month he received Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax in the Vatican and spoke to them in English.

He was Papal Nuncio in Warsaw during the anxious crises in the Great War, and in 1919 was created Archbishop of Lepanto.

SUCCEEDS BENEDICT

Next year he became Cardinal Archbishop of Milan, having succeeded the late Cardinal Ferraro.

On the death of Pope Benedict XV in January, 1933, Cardinal Ratti was elected Pope.

His term as Pope was perhaps most noted for the settlement of the old-standing "Roman Question" with the Government of Italy, and on February 11, 1929, the Concordat with the Government was concluded.

FAMED ENCYCLICALS

Under the Concordat His Holiness became Sovereign of the Vatican State.

Pope Pius was also famous for his Encyclicals on social conditions

PRES. AZANA REFUSES INTERVIEWERS

Paris, To-day.

All efforts by French and foreign press representatives to get into touch with the Spanish Embassy were in vain all day yesterday.

The large iron gate and the fence surrounding the compound was not once opened and all windows, with exception of those on the first floor, where President Azana took temporary refuge upon his arrival in France, were shut and secured with shutters.

Not a single person was received or granted an interview, according to numerous persons who watched the building all day. Press photographers who assembled to get Azana's picture waited hopelessly for hours.

Only once did Azana appear at the windows, but he withdrew immediately upon sighting the crowds.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. BOMBER SHIPPED TO ENGLAND

New York, Feb. 4.

The first of the 200 American bombers purchased by the British Government was shipped to England yesterday. The second will leave to-day on the liner Aquitania.—Havas.

and against Communism.

His publications were many and varied, and one of them, a dissertation on statecraft, was incorporated by General Franco in the Constitution of Nationalist Spain.

JAP. VERSION OF MANCHURIA BORDER CLASH

Tokyo, To-day.

A report from a Japanese source about the frontier incident on the north-west Manchurian frontier where, according to an official Soviet account, Manchurian frontier troops on an island within Soviet territory were fired upon, has just been received, and states that Soviet troops crossed the frontier of Manchukuo at Novotsurukhaitu on the Argun River about 200 kilometres north of Hailar and were driven back, after the arrival of reinforcements.

They reappeared, however, and made another attack with machine-guns and heavy guns. The fight, lasting four hours, ended in the retreat of the Soviet troops for the second time.

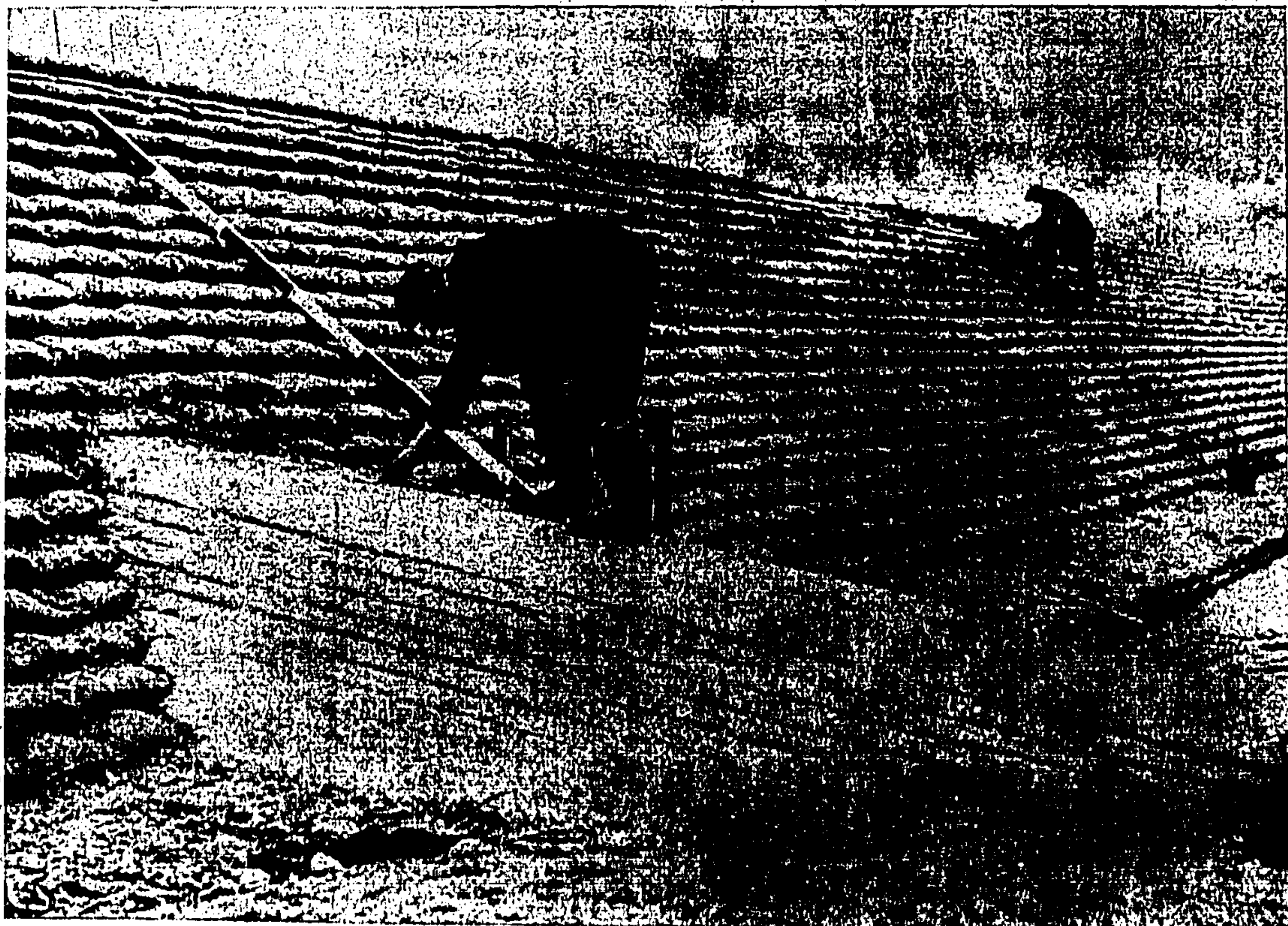
On the Russian side, eight were killed.

Another frontier violation took place at the Lake Buirnoor, 400 kilometres south-west of Hailar, where cavalry from Outer Mongolia attacked the frontier guards. Two of the attacking force were killed and several machine guns lost.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE CAUGHT IN PHILIPPINES

Manila, To-day.

After a long and exciting chase, 31 Japanese were caught by Philippines coastguards yesterday for illegal fishing in territorial waters. The incident occurred near Palawan. The Japanese are liable to two months' imprisonment.—Our Own Correspondent.



Norfolk has its own "Maginot Line" in the form of sea defence work at Horsey, scene of the devastating flood last February. Work commenced on April 8 and has not ceased since. A vast concrete wall is being constructed and in four years time it is anticipated that a wall containing 50,000 tons of concrete and 4,000 tons of steel will give permanent protection to eight miles of coast between Winterton and Happisburgh. Behind the wall Marram grass is being planted on sandhills to hold sand together. These wave breakers placed at intervals will prevent sea sweeping along face of wall.

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She came to him quickly, threw her arms about his neck. "There's nothing wrong. Everything's more than all right. —I've promised Tony I'd marry him."

For a moment her father remained rigid. A mist came before his eyes. She was his only child. Her mother had died when Marta was five. They had been close. Now, as always, he was able to sense the undercurrent of something that wasn't in harmony with the impression she tried to give.

He lifted her chin and looked at her. "Splendid! Tony Emerson is a fine boy. He'll go far, and make you happy." He paused. "You're quite sure you love him?"

For a moment they looked at each other. Then Marta hid her face against his shoulder again, sobbing. "Oh, Father!"

Minutes later her crying had ceased. They were seated on the divan before the fire. Mr. Haines said softly: "Now tell me all about it. There must be a way out."

"I don't know what it is, Father. I must love him. I wouldn't promise

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Marta ate her dinner in solitude. At 8 o'clock the doorbell rang. Maude, her maid, announced that Mr. Emerson was calling.

Conscious of a pleasant little thrill, Marta raced down the stairs. Tony was in the library. He rose when she entered. He was different, changed. His eyes held a haunted, frightened look.

"Tony! Tony, darling, whatever is the matter?"

He came toward her, stopped. "Then you haven't heard?"

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By Barbara Ann Benedict

to marry him if I didn't." She gestured futilely. "You know Tony. He loves me so violently it—it's almost frightening."

Her father nodded. "I think I understand. Tony has a most unusual and powerful personality. You're wondering if—well, if he's used that personality on you. If he's sold you the idea that you love him. You're afraid you might wake up later and find you've made a mistake."

"That's it!" Marta cried. "Oh, Father, as always you understand so perfectly. That's it exactly."

Mr. Haines carefully inserted a cigarette into its holder. "Marta, if I were you I'd go away. Oh, no, I'm not suggesting that you run away from a situation that you feel should be faced. I merely want you to get away from the influence of Tony's personality for awhile. You'll know your true feelings then."

It was a sensible suggestion. Marta convinced herself of this after carefully thinking it over. The next day she packed her bags, wrote a brief note to Tony and went away. She went alone, down south where there were many friends she knew spending the winter.

Purposely she associated with people who were influential in the world of politics and finance, friends of her father, people who had personalities equal to Tony's. But she didn't forget. Tony was always in her mind.

Gradually she was beset by a sense of guilt. It had been wrong to leave him. It was unfair to go off without telling him where she was going, so soon after their engagement. She should return to New York. She would return to New York at once.

On the train going north she wondered what her father would say. Did it matter? Curiously she knew that it did. He would know, as he always knew, that her trip had been a failure, that the doubt was still in her mind. Her decision to return was merely the result of a sense of obligation.

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BLOODLESS OCCUPATION OF MINORCA BY FRANCO

Part Of Garrison Goes Over To Landing Party

Two Battalions Of Infantry Carry The Day

Burgos, To-day.

It is announced here that Nationalist troops have landed at Ciudadela, on the west coast of Minorca, where they were joined by units of the local garrison which had risen against the Republican authorities.

Most of the Republican leaders are stated to have fled from the island, which it is claimed is almost entirely in Nationalist hands.

The troops landed consisted of two battalions of infantry and one battery of artillery with auxiliaries.

A Nationalist division has left Barcelona for Minorca to reinforce the troops already there.

Writing on the Nationalists' claim that they now dominate almost the whole of Minorca, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in London points out that France has been particularly concerned about the future of the island, as occupation by a hostile power would seriously threaten communications with French North African possessions.

WHOLLY SPANISH

Both France and Britain have been seeking to ensure that any eventual occupation would be wholly a Spanish one.

This was one of the aims of the British Government in authorising the cruiser H.M.S. Devonshire to convey General Franco's envoy to negotiate for the island's peaceful surrender. — Reuter.

MIAJA NOT YET READY TO TALK PEACE

London, To-day.

General Miaja, Commander in Chief of the Republican forces in the Madrid area, declared in an interview to the special correspondent of the "Daily Express" that he has no intention of breaking away from the Republican Government in order to talk peace.

We shall fight on, he is reported to have said, even if we are fated to be crushed. In the remaining Republican territory are five well-armed and trained armies, comprising, in all, half a million troops. Another half a million are held in reserve.

FRANCO ASSURANCE

According to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" the French Government has received assurances from General Franco about the exclusion of foreign influence from National Spain at the termination of the civil war.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett writes in the "News Chronicle" that the tug-of-war between Germany and Italy on the one side and France and Britain on the other, for "possession of the soul" of General Franco is now on the point of being decided.

Britain, for its part, is reposing hope in restoration of the monarchy, while Germany and Italy are backing the Phalangists. General Franco is at heart royalist but may decline to support a restoration on grounds of personal prestige. — Trans-Ocean.

LEON BLUM'S REVELATION

Paris, To-day.

That the occupation of Minorca by French and British forces was contemplated by the two Governments eighteen months ago, is revealed by M. Leon Blum, the French Socialist leader, in "Populaire."

Let us bear in mind the fact, he writes, that one and a half years ago the plan of occupying Minorca to counterbalance the occupation of Majorca by Italy was studied very carefully with a view to being able later on to guarantee evacuation of both islands. He concludes by demanding that Minorca be handed over to Anglo-French or an international force. The arrival of National Spanish troops on the island is tantamount he contends to Italian occupation. — Trans-Ocean.

NO INFORMATION

San Sebastian, To-day.

No information is forthcoming concerning foreign press reports that negotiations took place on board the British cruiser, Devonshire, between the Military Governor of Majorca and representatives of the Republican garrison of Minorca.

Violent clashes which occurred between the garrison and a part of the civilian population would appear to have extended to the south as far as Port Mahon. — Trans-Ocean.

OCCUPATION NEARLY COMPLETE

Burgos, To-day.

Nearly the whole of the island of Minorca is now in hands of the Nationalists according to an official announcement, which states that Nationalist troops landed at dawn yesterday in Ciudadela Udadel, which is the largest port on the west coast of the island.

Republican forces abandoned the port of Mahon.

Republican detachments stationed at Port Mahon sought refuge

DEVONSHIRE LEAVES WITH 450 REFUGEES

London, To-day.

The British cruiser H.M.S. Devonshire (9,750 tons) left Minorca yesterday with 450 refugees on board.

Devonshire, it was revealed here yesterday, conveyed to Minorca the Nationalist military commander of Majorca, Colonel San Luis.

The British Government's role in the matter, it was explained by official circles here, was confined to providing transport for Col. San Luis at the request of the Nationalist authorities.

FORCES DISBANDING

It is not known whether Col. San Luis left Minorca on board the Devonshire.

The refugees on board the cruiser will be landed at Marseilles, and the French Government have agreed to admit them.

According to press messages from Burgos, the Nationalists claim that the Republican forces in Minorca are disbanding. — Reuter and British Wireless.

MUNITIONS DEPOT DYNAMITED

Paris, To-day.

Only late last night did reports reach here announcing that Anarchists had dynamited the Republican Munitions Depot at Puiccerda.

It is said that about 150 persons lost their lives and hundreds were seriously wounded. Numerous wounded, with emergency bandages, have been transported over the frontier to Latour-de-Carol. — Trans-Ocean.

COURT CRITICISES COMPANY

The Standard Press, Limited, applied for extension of time to file a return of allotment of shares at the Supreme Court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr. Hin Shing-lo, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for petitioner.

The Chief Justice granted the application and warned petitioning firm to heed the advice of their solicitors in future.

His Lordship commented that it would not be unjust to say that a group of gentlemen had formed a company without fulfilling the necessary statutory obligations.

on board ships in harbour. — Trans-Ocean.

NEGRIN AT PERPIGNAN

Paris, To-day.

Dr. Negrin, Republican Spanish Prime Minister, is staying at Perpignan, according to reports reaching here. His plans are not known. — Trans-Ocean.

MONEYLENDER'S STORY IN MARCAL CASE

The case in which Fausto Leonard Marcal is charged with receiving four boxes of silk knowing same to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained from the Britannia Silk Store, was continued this morning before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy.

This morning, Gurbux Singh, a registered moneylender, said that on January 12 he saw an advertisement seeking a loan and applied asking for particulars. Next day, about noon, he received a call from Marcal and at 6 p.m. the same evening, saw Marcal in his office. Marcal told him that he wanted a loan of \$3,000 and when asked what security he could offer, showed some samples of silk saying that the market price was \$8 a yard.

Following enquiries, witness told Marcal that he was willing to grant a loan based on \$5 per yard, which was at first refused but later agreed. The goods, measured totalled 351 yards. Marcal was offered \$1,755.

A promissory note for \$1,965.50 was drawn up, Marcal told him he wanted the money only for 10 days. The rate of interest and duration of the loan were Marcal's terms.

CERTIFICATE GIVEN

In addition to the promissory note, a certificate from Marcal stating that the goods were his, was required by the witness after he had been advised to obtain same by his brother.

An agreement was drawn up which was signed by defendant and Mr. M. A. Silva.

Cross-examined, witness said that he knew Marcal had an office in French Bank Buildings. He was not shown any invoices nor shipment samples.

Marcal asked in what denominations the money was paid to him. Witness said in notes of \$500 and smaller denominations.

Marcal said that he asked the question because he had paid the money just as received to another man. He was arranging the loan on his behalf for a 10 per cent. commission and had been given a bad cheque.

FRANCO-SPANISH RAILWAYS

Paris, To-day.

A member of the Council of Administration of the French National railways, M. Eycolle, has arrived in Hendaye. He will at once continue his journey to Spain where, it is stated in well-informed French circles, he will confer with the Spanish authorities about the resumption of the railway service between France and Spain via Irun. — Trans-Ocean.

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HONG KONG MAKES REPRESENTATIONS

Thanks to Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne, who is assiduous in his determination to keep Far Eastern affairs before the attention of Parliament, the Government, after six weeks or more, has acknowledged receipt of the H.K. General Chamber of Commerce representations and promised a reply shortly. Hong Kong's interest is, of course, mainly centred upon the early restoration of normal traffic on the Kwangtung river system, for the closure of which no justification exists, but local business organisations are so closely concerned in and by other encroachments upon British rights throughout China that the support lent to the complaints of the Associated Chambers in Shanghai could hardly be regarded as inappropriate or inopportune. Policy of the Government savours dangerously of drift. There seems to be disposition in Whitehall to take the view that time alone will solve the problem, and to gamble upon the assumption that the drain upon Japan's economic resources will compel her to seek financial aid in London and/or Washington. That, the argument goes, will be the moment to discuss the obstruction and hindrances of past months and secure Britain's place in the economic sun for the future.

What this policy, if so it can be called, leaves out of account is the appalling damage now every day being done to British trade while the Government bides its time. By every means, some of them petty, others plainly challenging, third party interests are being squeezed out of every normal channel of trade, systematically. The war zone excuse has been used in circumstances that makes it an undisguised rebuff to efforts to obtain redress, and throws up every placatory phrase employed in Tokyo in its proper light. This is recognised by Government in London as well as it is in Hong Kong and Shanghai. The difference is that the people on the spot feel the pinch; the Government is able to persuade itself that all is for the best if it waits long enough. Unless there is action soon, however, there may be little left to save from the wreck.

At The Crossing

Several judges in Britain recently gave their views on the correct manner to adopt when using a pedestrian-crossing in a London street. Opinions differed considerably, which will not surprise the average pedestrian. For he knows it to be a tricky problem; and confronted, as he is daily, with the necessity of cutting this Gordian knot, or at least of cutting across a Georgian knot of traffic, he sometimes discovers two opinions in himself. He would like perhaps to avail himself of his rights, to follow the advice of Lord Justice Scott, which is to "take your courage in your hands and indicate that you are going to cross by putting up a stick or umbrella," and to emulate the Etruscan Lord of Luna at that other perilous crossing, where his behaviour has been described by Macaulay:

But hark the cry is Astur:
And lo! the ranks divide;
And the great Lord of Luna
Comes with his stately stride

And in his hand he shakes the brand

Which none but he can wield.

But the mantle of the Lord of Luna has fallen, in its entirety, only on the policeman, and the prestige of his brand belongs more to the invisible sword of justice than to the umbrella; and reflecting along these lines, the pedestrian may well feel that for him the cry is "Asquith" rather than "Astur," and prefer to "wait and see" whether time will not divide the ranks.

No doubt the main thing is that he should resolve quickly, and be firm in his resolution, refusing all temptation to imitate Sextus, who

thrice came on in fury,
And thrice turned back in dread.

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"Ostracizing" Japan

Can the United States change Japan's course in China by economic sanctions? Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, calls it "ostracism," not "sanctions," a name now somewhat tarnished. But Senator Pittman is urging embargoes unless Tokyo gives a favourable reply to the recent State Department protest.

For several years the United States has been trying to find a language the Japanese army leaders would understand. Only once or twice has there been any sign of comprehension. Will "ostracism" penetrate better than Mr. Roosevelt's "quarantine"?

Some flicker of understanding followed the recent \$25,000,000 loan to China. And Japan's economic condition is such that actual application of American embargoes would be a very serious matter. Even though fifty nations failed to apply sanctions tightly enough to stop Italy in Ethiopia, Senator Pittman's sanctions might be effective in modifying Japanese policy, at least to the extent of better respect for American interests in China.

Of course Japan could reply by stronger measures, even seizure of American property, but that would be risking war. For the United States, too, there must be careful consideration of what such a course means. But it is clear that both Government and people are moving toward a sterner attitude.

ATLANTIC GALE RESCUE DRAMA

Veendam Picking Up Crew In Violent Weather

MEAGRE BUT DRAMATIC CABLES RECEIVED IN HONG KONG THIS MORNING TEND TO INDICATE THAT THE ATLANTIC, GRAVEYARD OF MANY SHIPS, CLAIMED ANOTHER VICTIM YESTERDAY.

She was the British steamer Maria de Larrinaga (4,988 tons), belonging to the Larrinaga Steamship Company of Liverpool.

For over a day the captains of five Atlantic liners, four of which were British, drove their vessels at high speed through heavy seas in an endeavour to reach the distressed liner.

OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT TO BE AMENDED

London, To-day.

The Government will introduce a Bill in the House of Lords next week to amend Section Six of the Official Secrets Act.

Sir Samuel Hoare (the Home Secretary) announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the decision had been reached after the Government had given very careful consideration to the question.

Section Six, which deals with provisions requiring persons who have come into possession of official secrets to disclose the source from which they received them, has been the subject of considerable criticism among journalist organisations and civil liberty societies as threatening the freedom of the press.

Bearing of these provisions on Members of Parliament has been under consideration of the Select Committee of the House of Commons following the Sandys Case, when Mr. Duncan Sandys, nephew of Winston Churchill, was charged with revealing confidential information.—British Wireless.

NEW FRENCH TRADE PACT WITH YUGO-SLAVIA

Paris, To-day.

The Minister of Commerce stated yesterday that a new commercial agreement between France and Yugo-Slavia will be signed to-day.—Reuter.

S.O.S. messages from the Maria de Larrinaga revealed that mountainous seas had stove in the forward hatch, and that water was pouring into the ship with the pumps unable to cope with the inrush.

Now three liners (says Reuter) have reached the spot from where the doomed vessel was last heard of.

FLOATING WRECKAGE

All that they have discovered is floating wreckage, mute testimony to the ordeal through which the ship had been passing.

So far, there is no sign of the crew, and none of the wreckage is that of lifeboats.

Rescue vessels which are now on the scene and are cruising over a wide area in a search for survivors are the Canadian Steamship Company's 1,558-ton freighter Canmail, the Stag Line's 3,106-ton Clintonia, and the Holland-Amerika Lijn's 15,450-ton luxury liner Veendam.

MUCH WRECKAGE

Wireless messages received in New York from the Veendam state that the rescue vessels have sighted numerous pieces of wreckage, including ladders and a table top.

Other wreckage has been found near the last reported position of the ill-fated ship by the 13,984-ton Cunarder, Aurania.

Wreckage sighted was that of a hatch cover and oars.

Early developments in the drama were reported by the giant "Queen Mary," which picked up and relayed distress messages from the Maria de Larrinaga.

The huge Cunard-White Star liner, however, was too far away from the scene to be of immediate assistance.

CREW FOUND

Later.

A Reuter despatch from New York states that a further wireless message has been received from the Veendam.

The Dutch liner says she is now rescuing the crew of the Maria de Larrinaga though hampered by heavy seas.

AMERICA'S MOTOR EXPORTS

New York, To-day.
The value of exports of motor vehicles in 1938 amounted to \$283,000,000, according to the Department of Commerce.
This represents a decline of 21 per cent, compared with 1937 but is still over the average for the last five years, which is \$265,000,000.—Reuter.

FRANCE'S POSITION IN EVENT OF WAR

Paris, To-day.

"Le Journal" asserts that M. Daladier declared at the secret session of the National Defence Committee of the Senate that in the event of war France would have to fight practically alone during the first week since British help would not be available so quickly.

The French Premier, however, added that Britain would render France the maximum help in the event of a conflict.

In reply to questions regarding the effective strength of the French

BARONETCY CONFERRED ON BOY OF FIVE

London, To-day.

The King has conferred a Baronetcy of the United Kingdom on a five-year-old boy.

He is Andrew Ashton Waller Hills, son of the late Mr. John Waller Hills, Privy Councillor, whose name would have been submitted to the King for a Baronetcy in the New Year Honours List but for his death last Christmas Eve at the age of 71.

Andrew was his only child. His mother became Mr. Hills' second wife in 1931, and is granted the style of precedence of a Baronet's wife.—Reuter.

army, M. Daladier declared that after the termination of a period of abnormally small annual contingents of recruits, the strength of the annual recruit classes would again show a substantial increase.

M. Daladier also revealed that substantial progress had been made with rearmament.

Munitions factories were now working at full pressure and the hours of employment were between 50 and 60 instead of 40 as hitherto.—Trans-Ocean.

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Franco Hoists Nationalist Flag On The French Frontier

'NANKING' SENDS ENVOY TO HSINKING

Shanghai, To-day.
The Foreign Minister, Chen Lu, of the pro-Japanese Nanking Government, has announced that the Government has decided to appoint a permanent trade commissioner of the Nanking Government to Manchukuo, with headquarters in Hsinking.

This is the first instance of one of the Chinese "Governments" controlled by Japan appointing such a representative.

The appointment means de facto recognition of Manchukuo by the regime in Nanking.

However, it is pointed out that up till now Japan herself has not yet recognised the Nanking Government nor has any exchange of diplomatic representatives taken place. — Trans-Ocean.

KIUKIANG NEGOTIATIONS

Shanghai, To-day.
Deliberations concerning the evacuation of foreigners from Kuling are to be held to-day at Kiukiang the Yangtse port north of Kuling among the British, U.S. and Japanese authorities.

The time limit for evacuation, set by the Japanese, expires to-day but the Japanese are considering prolongation before military operations actually start against the Chinese forces surrounded at Kuling.

The gunboat "Oahu" with the British and U.S. Vice-Consuls from Hankow on board arrived at Kiukiang yesterday. The British gunboat "Ladybird" has already been lying at Kiukiang for some time. — Trans-Ocean.

NEGRIN WATCHES FROM A BALCONY

Paris, To-day.
Shortly before the arrival of the first Nationalist troops at Le Perthus, Dr. Negrin and those accompanying him crossed the French frontiers.

All the forenoon, from a balcony of a house in Le Perthus inside Spain, Dr. Negrin had watched the retreat of the Republican troops.

To reach French territory we had only to go down a flight of steps and cross the street. Press photographers who wanted to take pictures of Dr. Negrin leaving Spanish soil, were prevented from doing so by those accompanying him. — Trans-Ocean.

LAND INVESTMENT DIVIDEND

At a Board Meeting held this morning, the Directors of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company recommended a Final Dividend of \$1.25 per Share, making a total of \$2.50 per Share for the year 1938.

AZANA MILITARY AIDES DESERT TO FRANCO

Le Perthus, To-day.
General Franco's troops reached the frontier here at 10.45 yesterday morning and hoisted the Nationalist flag.

All members of the Republican Spanish Cabinet and other Republican leaders had left before the Nationalists arrived.

They included Dr. Juan Negrin (Premier), Senor Alvarez del Vayo (Foreign Minister), General Rojo (Chief of the General Staff) and staff officers.

In Burgos, an announcement says that the Nationalists have occupied the important industrial town of San Juan Abadesas, fifteen miles from the frontier.

WALK OVER

Ten officers of the military household of Senor Azana, President of Republican Spain, left Perpignan yesterday morning for Hendaye, where they were expected to cross into Nationalist Spain in the late afternoon.

The officers included General Sarabis, Chief of the Household, Admiral Matz and Colonel Jime Zorge.

FIGUERAS STORMED

Barcelona, To-day.
General Franco's troops had occupied the town of Figueras the previous evening. It was taken by the fourth Navarrese division, which had distinguished itself at the storming of Tarragona.

Although the last stage of the advance was rendered difficult by the manner in which the retreating Republicans had destroyed roads and bridges, the only real resistance offered was from a number of machinegun nests. The town itself which lies 24 kilometres from the frontier town of Le Perthus suffered very badly.

Art treasures from the Museums in Barcelona and from Tarragona Cathedral were recovered.

In the coastal region the Nationalist forces have crossed the Ebro River. — Trans-Ocean.

COMPLETE SURPRISE

The Nationalist occupation of the Spanish part of Le Perthus completely surprised the French military authorities. Only ten minutes before, lorry-loads of Republican troops were calmly passing through the town.

The occupation was completed without a shot being fired. Three Nationalist flags were broken over the carabinieri's posts on the frontier and the Republican flags torn down.

REMARKABLE SCENE

Three Nationalist generals then walked slowly through the streets, while the inhabitants hurriedly hung Nationalist flags from the windows and shouted "Arriba Espana!"

The generals warmly shook hands with the general commanding the French division on the frontier. Nationalist troops shouted "Vive La France" and "French and Spaniards are brothers."

GREAT CONFUSION

On the arrival of the Nationalist troops the populace was in great confusion. All houses on the Spanish

side of the main street suddenly emptied and crowds of inmates, with their arms full of household belongings, dashed to the French side of the road.

Shortly afterwards the street was completely deserted except for French soldiers posted every five yards. — Reuter.

130,000 REFUGEES

Paris, To-day.
It is reported here that no fewer than 130,000 civil refugees from Spain had crossed into France by yesterday midday. Some 28,000 refugees have passed through Toulouse railway station alone.

About 50,000 militiamen have been accommodated in the concentration camps of Argeles-sur-Mer. At Le Perthus, an extraordinary number of wounded soldiers, have arrived yesterday, 1,000 heavily wounded were admitted into France and had to be transported to hospitals, at once. — Trans-Ocean.

PATIENT LINES

Paris, To-day.
The first detailed descriptions of the scenes at Le Perthus on the arrival of Nationalist troops at the border yesterday, are printed in the French papers.

All morning and afternoon, Republican troops crossed into France as fast as the French could handle them.

At noon, there were still long lines patiently waiting. Men with worn-out expressions and torn militia uniforms, intermingling with cars, trucks, heavy and light artillery and even plane engines.

Civilian refugees, women and children, with dogs, donkeys and sheep, were being hurried along by the militiamen.

The French military authorities had to be reinforced again and again to cope with the crowds pressing towards the frontier.

Suddenly there was a cry, "Franco's troops are coming" which acted like a command to thousands still waiting to cross the border at any cost. All baggage and belongings, everything, was suddenly dropped and left on the road.

The French authorities finally had to withdraw the barricades, since the pressure became too strong. — Trans-Ocean.

PORTUGUESE APPOINTMENT

Lisbon, To-day.
Dr. Marques Mano, former Director of the civil and political administration of Mozambique, has been appointed Governor-General of Portuguese Angola in succession to Colonel Lopez Mateus, who has been recalled to Lisbon. — Trans-Ocean.

HENSHAW BREAKS THE DOUBLE RECORD

London, To-day.
Alex Henshaw, the 24-year-old airman, arrived at Gravesend from Capetown yesterday after having beaten the record for the double flight.

Henshaw flew to Capetown and back in four days, 10 hours, 15 minutes, as against five days, 17 hours taken by Flying Officer Clouston and Mrs. Kirby Green last year.

The youthful flier, who last year won the King's Cup Air Race, was flying a Percival Mew Gull.

UNABLE TO STAND

When lifted from his small single-engine Percival Mew Gull aircraft, the same in which he won the King's Cup last year, Henshaw's face was covered with blood from a bleeding nose.

He was exhausted and unable to stand but recovered after a hot drink and managed to say "Thank you very much for the wonderful reception" to the cheering crowd.

Henshaw was taken to the Customs and then drove off with his father as Britain prepared to hail its fastest Cape flyer ever. — Reuter.

FORGED LETTER FRAUD

Chung Sai-nam, 30, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, with attempting to obtain \$598.15, from Lai Kai-hung, by means of a forged letter.

Complainant bought a number of pigs from a dealer in Shaokwan. Defendant who was a friend to the dealer, was asked to take a letter stating that payment was to be made to another person.

Defendant, however, opened the letter and inserted another, saying the money was to be paid to the bearer. The hand writing gave him away.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

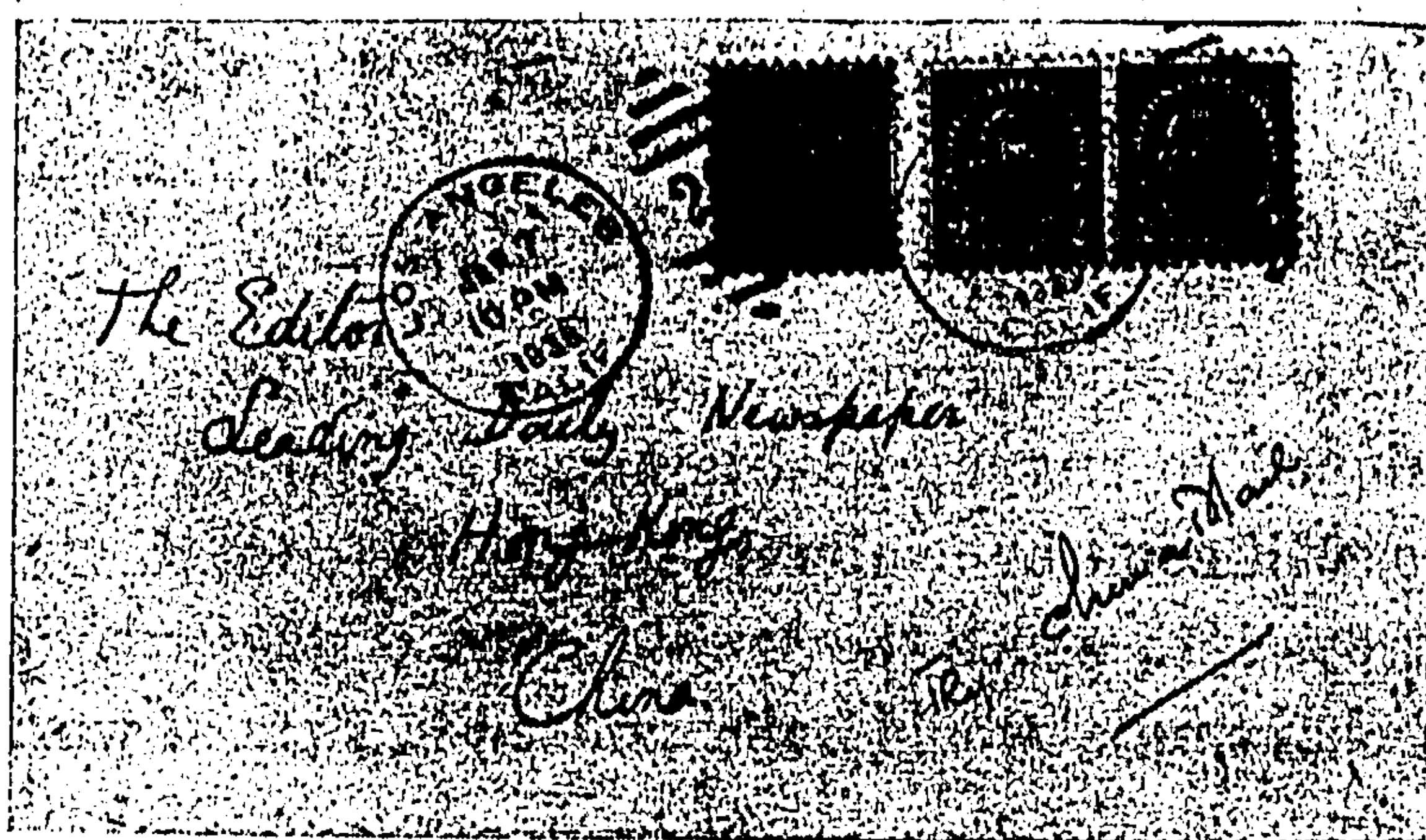
DUTCH VISITOR TO LONDON

Amsterdam, To-day.
It is officially announced here that the Foreign Minister, Dr. Patjin, will attend the unveiling ceremony at the memorial stone erected for Hugo de Groot in the Dutch Church in London.

It is expected that the Dutch Foreign Minister will also call on Lord Halifax during his London visit. It is, however, stated that this call would have no political significance. — Trans-Ocean.

The R. M. S. "Empress of Russia" (from Vancouver via ports) is due here at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, and will berth at Kowloon Wharf. She is due to sail for Manila at 3.00 p.m. the same day.

News Snack Bar



First thought of the Post Office was "Try China Mail." Need we say more.

WHAT A BLOW

One hundred Long Island (New York) motorists blew up toy balloons at the request of the police and medical authorities.

They were testing a "drunkometer." Air in the balloons was passed through chemicals, changes in which determined the amount of alcohol present. It was found that forty-eight drivers had been drinking.

MONEY VERSUS MERIT

REVOLT

"Pernicious methods" of local Conservative Associations and the policy of putting money before merit in choosing Parliamentary candidates are attacked by a young politician.

Mr. Ian Harvey, prospective Conservative candidate for Don Valley, leading a nationwide revolt of young would-be M.P.s. declared in a circular:

"Those Conservative candidates who can subscribe £500 to £1,000 a year always have an excellent chance of being adopted.

"Poor men have hardly any chance at all.

"This is a grave threat to the whole principle of democracy... Conservatives restrict the representatives of the people to pernicious financial demands."

Mr. Harvey adds that there are persons within the Party, as in all Parties, who are more interested in their own self-advancement than that of the Party and the State.

They see in the local Conservative Association the stepping-stone to honours and to society, which appeal far to them than the thought that they are to service their member and the cause.

Mr. Harvey and his "Merit-not-money" supporters will follow up the attack at the conference of University Conservation Associations in London.

KNIGHTS OF THE HOSE

A little girl knocked timidly on the red doors of Caterham Fire Station at 11 p.m.

"Please, mister, a pipe has burst and my bedroom is full of water and I can't go to bed," she said. "Please can the fire brigade help me?"

And the firemen did.

NO SLEEP — MIGHT MISS HIS SUPPER

A hedgehog that has visited the backdoor of Mr. C. T. Haynes, of Hillside, Horsham (Sussex), every night since September for a meal of marmoset is still paying his usual visits although it is long past time for hibernation.

The last cabby in Southend (Essex) has retired. He is Mr. Cotgrove who, for forty years, has driven a horse-drawn cab through the streets of Southend.

Mr. R. F. Haynes, eighty-three-year-old pensioner, of Southcote-road, Bournemouth (Hants), has just written the Lord's Prayer four times in the space of a threepenny piece.

Private L. Dunro, 2nd Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment, now stationed at Plymouth, who can claim more years of Army service than any other person in the regiment, has just bought his first civilian suit since he joined the Army.

A razor-bill sea-bird, found fifteen miles inland exhausted from hunger, has been given to Sir Gerard Drake's Zoo at Maidstone (Kent). It was found by Mr. Morse-Gardner at Blue Town, Milstead, near Sittingbourne (Kent).

A black butterfly into a garden in Palmeira-avenue, Hove, Sussex, in January alighted on a pile of snow, then flew away.



DONKEY'S TAXI RIDE. — A South London taxi driver had a bit of a shock when a "donkey" halted him. He was relieved to find it was a pantomime donkey from the "Babes in the Wood". Charlie Jass, who plays the donkey, had been to Kennington Road to collect his "make-up."

WAR BILLETING PROFITEERING BANNED

Profiteering on war-time billeting of children will be banned.

Plans which the Government announce to evacuate 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 children from the danger zones will not allow householders to charge high prices for accommodation — even if it is offered.

A high official of the Ministry of Health said that no one would be allowed to reserve rooms on the grounds that since some particular individual was willing to pay £5 a week for them, they would not let them at the Government's flat rate — 10s. 6d. a week at the most.

A house-to-house canvass for mapping billets in suitable areas is to be made.

Householders providing homes for school-children will be paid at the rate of 10s. 6d. a week where one child is taken, and 8s. 6d. a week each where more than one child is taken.

Children under school age will be accompanied by their mothers or other responsible persons, and in these cases the householders will be asked to provide lodging only for a payment of 5s. a week for each adult, and 8s. a week for each child.

CENSUS OF ROOMS

Local authorities in suitable areas are to be asked in a special communication from the Minister of Health, Mr. Walter Elliot, to take a census of available surplus accommodation on the standard of one person per habitable room.

The authorities are asked to choose tactful people for their visitors, who will be experienced staff men and people willing to do it for nothing.

The Minister wants the survey put in hand without delay, for completion by the end of February.

It is emphasised that the information supplied by householders will be entirely voluntary and will only be used for the Government's evacuation scheme.

But local authorities are informed that "Where a householder expresses unwillingness to offer accommodation, the officer in charge should record his opinion whether the reason given is sufficient to justify the exemption of the house, either in whole or in part.

IF THEY OBJECT

"If complete exemption is not, in his view, justified, he should note the number of persons, other than unaccompanied children, which he thinks should be taken."

It is pointed out that there is no right, in face of objection, to enter houses to get information, and "cases where preliminary difficulties cannot be overcome by the discretion and tact of the visitor should be reserved for further consideration."

WILL NOT DEFY WEDDING BAN

If attractive Mrs. Edwin Lephard marries again she loses £600 a year.

Her husband, Mr. Edwin Lephard, fifty-nine, of Worthing, left her £500 and an annuity of £800. If she weds again the annuity drops to £200.

"But there's no question of my marrying again," Mrs. Lephard said at her home, Hazelwood, West Tarring.

"I'm a grandmother now, too," she smiled. "Only yesterday my eldest son became a father—my poor husband would have been so proud."

Mr. Lephard left £40,389.

3 KINGS HER GODFATHERS

Baby daughter of the Crown Princess of Greece, born on November 2, was christened Sofia at the Royal Palace at Athens. Godparents are the King and Queen of Great Britain, the King and Queen of Denmark, the King and Queen of Italy and Princess Irene of Greece.

MUTINY MAN DIES AT 99

Captain E. Kitson, of Paynsford-road, Newton Abbot, Devon, who has died in his ninety-ninth year, was one of the last survivors of the Indian Mutiny. He went to India at seventeen, afterwards joining the Shropshire Regiment.

NEW LIGHT MAY STOP WRECKS

In the last two years there have been three wrecks off the coast of St. Ives, Cornwall. Criticism that the lighthouse marking a dangerous reef known as the Stones, at the entrance of St. Ives Bay, was inadequate, was made when a deputation from St. Ives met officials of Trinity House.

Now a lighted buoy is to be placed near the Stones as an additional guide.

MAN OF 1,000 RECORDS

For years Mr. E. Gates, of Gloucester-road, Ealing, London, has been collecting gramophone records. But each record he collects must feature a fretted instrument.

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40 A.A. SHIPS FOR Fleet Of Convoy Defenders

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This figure does not include eight ships specially built for the same purpose.

A smaller programme of reconstruction along these lines was approved in 1937, but progress with it was leisurely up to the emergency of September last year.

Since then the work has been speeded up, and many more ships have been selected for conversion into A.A. and anti-submarine escorts. It is partly to expedite the completion of the programme that Rosyth dockyard is being reopened on a limited scale.

The contingency of submarine and air attack, possibly combined, on merchant convoys in wartime has to be reckoned with by the naval authorities, though in the opinion of many jurists such attack would be a gross violation of international law. It is believed that the presence of warships heavily armed with A.A. guns would render air on merchantmen in convoy too dangerous and costly and operation to be often attempted.

BIG VOLUME OF FIRE

Vessels of the future convoy escort fleet include eight cruisers, 14 destroyers and 18 to 20 of the ships formerly known as sloops. Of the cruisers the Coventry and Curlew have been in commission for some time. They will eventually be joined by their sister ships, Cairo, Calcutta, Capetown, Carlisle, Colombo, and Curacao.

Displacing 4,200 to 4,290 tons, with a speed of 39 knots, they were originally armed with five 6in guns. Their new armament comprises 10 4in A.A. two multiple pompoms, and 10 or 12 machine-guns. Each ship can therefore deliver a very great volume of fire against air targets.

The sloops concerned are 18 to 20 of the Bridgewater, Hastings, Shore-

ham, and Falmouth types, of 990 to 1,105 tons, and a speed of 16 knots. As completed they carried two 4in or 4.7in guns and one 3in A.A. gun. This armament is to be altered to six 4in and 11 smaller pieces and machine-guns, all on A.A. mountings.

In addition there are eight new A.A. escort sloops built and building, of the Bittern, Egret, and Black Swan types, which displace from 1,190 to 1,250 tons and have an average speed of 19 knots. Most of these are armed with six or eight 4in and five smaller A.A. guns.

MOST SERIOUS DANGER

Fourteen destroyers are being rebuilt for convoy escort duty. It is probable that others will be added. They belong to the "V" and "W" types ordered during the war and are vessels of 1,100 to 1,120 tons, with a sea speed of 31 knots.

The old armament of low-angle guns and torpedo tubes is to be replaced by four modern 4in A.A. and two multiple pompoms. Their equipment includes detector gear, depth charges, and other anti-submarine devices.

The work involved in this programme is so heavy that it may be necessary to call in the aid of private shipyards. Besides mounting new guns and rearranging magazines, every converted A.A. ship has to be fitted with an entirely new system of fire control, including height-finders and predictors, to make its high-angle gunnery fully effective.

The A.A. cruiser or sloop is considered to be the best counter to the low-altitude bomber, which experience in the Spanish war has proved to be the most serious danger to merchant vessels.

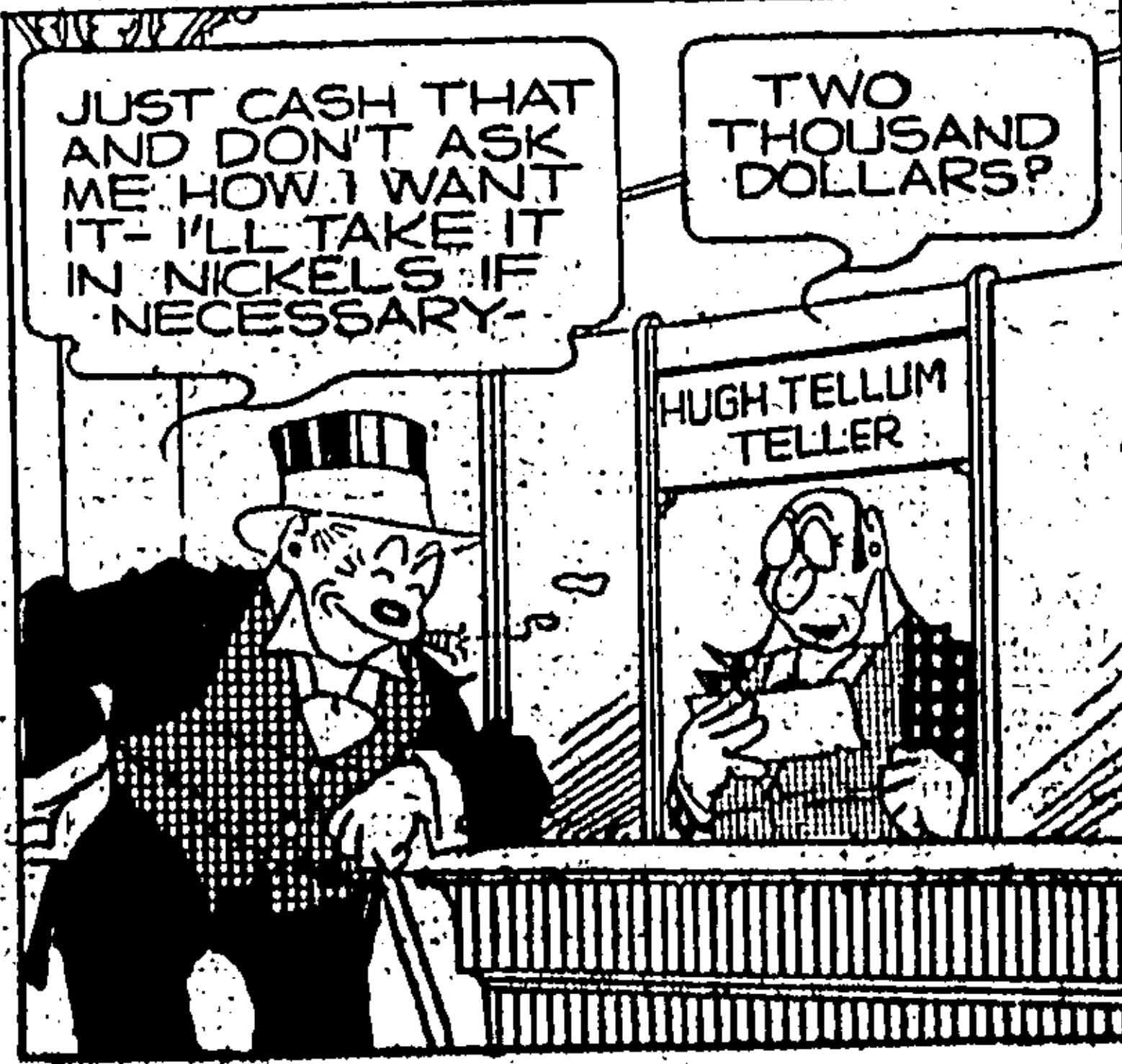
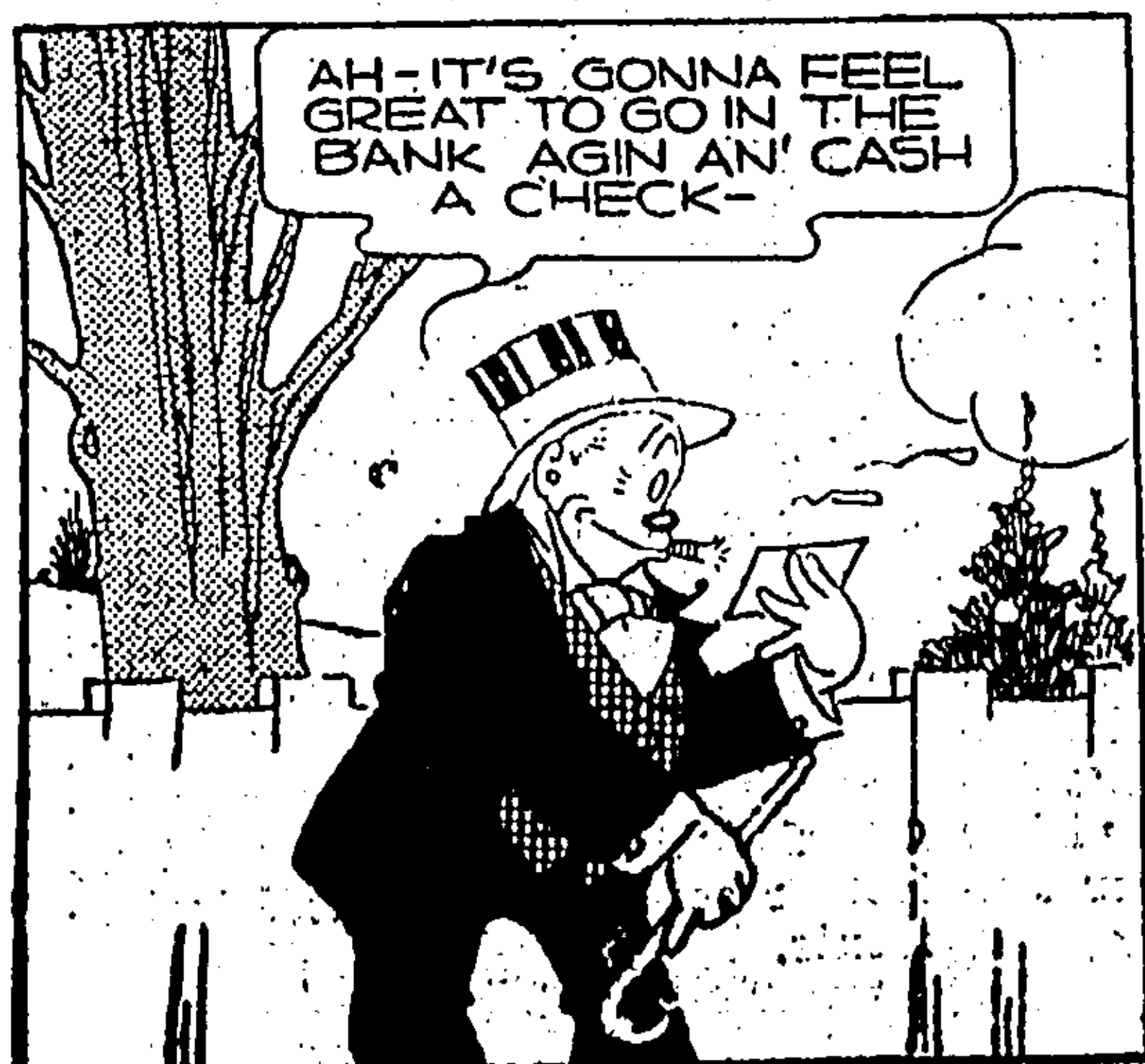
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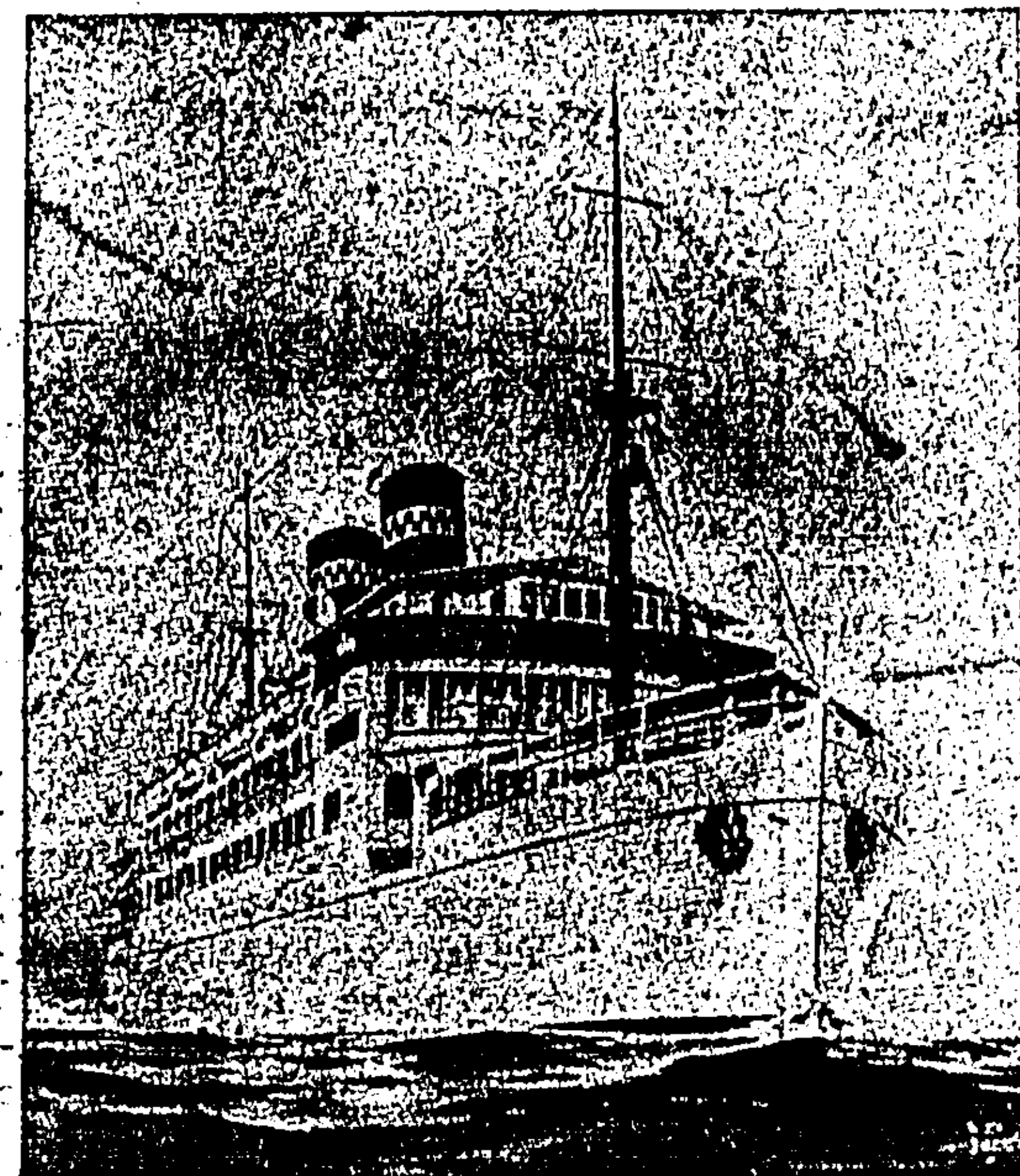
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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

There is grave danger in excessive eating or drinking this day, as the stomach will be supersensitive to dominating influences governing those celebrating this as their birth anniversary. Keep your imagination free of fancied grievances. Try to keep out of dingy, dismal surroundings, for cheerful ones are essential if you wish to have a buoyancy of spirit. Habit may be the cause of some seeming peculiarity on the part of someone you are to meet this day, so make allowances for any strange conduct or action. Do not be afraid to change your mind, for there are likely to be circumstances that will fully justify your doing so this day. It seldom pays to be wedded to an opinion, or to make up your mind not to yield an inch, regarding any debatable plan or decision. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who are seriously in love, will display poor judgment if they

resort to any kind of subterfuge in any effort they make to obtain a favour.

If a woman and February 10 is your birthday, you ought to have many admirers and loyal friends. You probably will find yourself in clover; through some stroke of good fortune. Your greatest failing may be an inability to keep regular hours. Remember you cannot burn the candle at both ends successfully, and while popularity is gratifying, the toll it sometimes exacts is frequently too heavy. As a musician, singer, actress, author, broker, educator, lecturer or interior decorator, you may make a phenomenal success. Your matrimonial expectations are more than likely to be fulfilled.

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something that every young girl should own!

Make the jumper of wool crepe, flannel, flat crepe or jersey; the blouse of linen, batiste, challis or silk print. Touch up the bodice, as sketched, with contrasting braid. The design will be just as pretty in summer cottons as it is now in silk or wool.

Witty Kitty



The mentally sketchy girl-friend was tickled when her bashful beau said he had purchased a scotch pipe—she thought he meant to blow his own horn.



Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY



Pinning a lush hibiscus blossom into her hair this young lady gayly contrasts her soft Bermuda Beige suntan which has delicate coral pink under tone.

Skin Protection

New fragile beauty cannot now condone the miserable tans and mahoganys which were so long the vogue. More than one lassie discovered that her skin texture was considerably ruined from too crisp a burning, and older women have spent hours of time and sizeable investments trying to recapture skin loveliness after a season's tropical folly.

This new rosy type of tan is a light, glowing shade of sun coat-

ing — glowing because natural healthy colour peeks through the sun's healing kiss. So the current problem is to seep in Vitamin D without discolouring your skin.

Of course, if you wish, you can smartly carry a parasol or wear a fetching sunbonnet to shade your face, but even then a thin protective skin lotion should be the rule of the day. For both the steady reflection of the sun, and the sudden change of temperature from North to South, can raise havoc with your skin beauty.

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Blondes v. Brunettes

If gentlemen prefer blondes is it that they are more helpless and clinging than brunettes? (Every one agrees that to look small and helpless is much more useful than an intellect.) Mr. Rider, director of the Hastings Chess Congress, has started a lively controversy by asserting that blondes do not make good chessplayers, they seem to have no power of concentration, and become nervous and reckless where brunettes remain perfectly self-possessed. And he points triumphantly to the 130 chessplayers at Hastings among whom is only one blonde.

Every one rushes to reply, of course losing sight of the fact that chess is not the whole of life. Miss Frances Day, the actress, says, "I'm a blonde and I spend my life concentrating, one of my best friends is a brunette, and she can't keep her mind on anything more than a minute." Miss Bacon, in charge of 12,000 Lyons' teashop girls, says: "I never found a blonde that could not compete with a brunette in mental ability." And Miss Simmons, an educational psychologist, finds that blondes are at least as intelligent and purposeful as brunettes.

So the argument will go on till a new hare is started, with nothing decided either way. Which is perhaps as well. What a nuisance it

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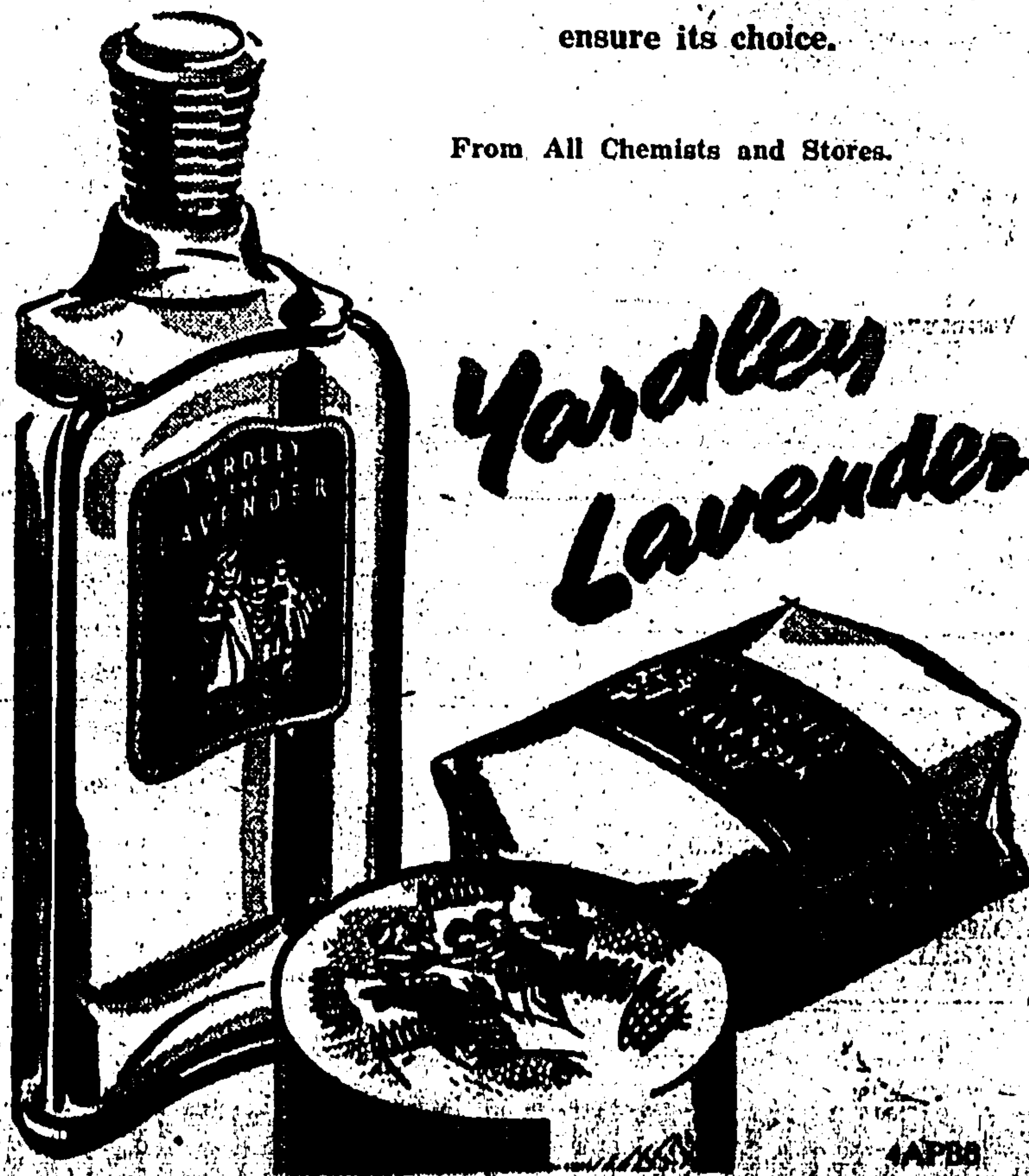
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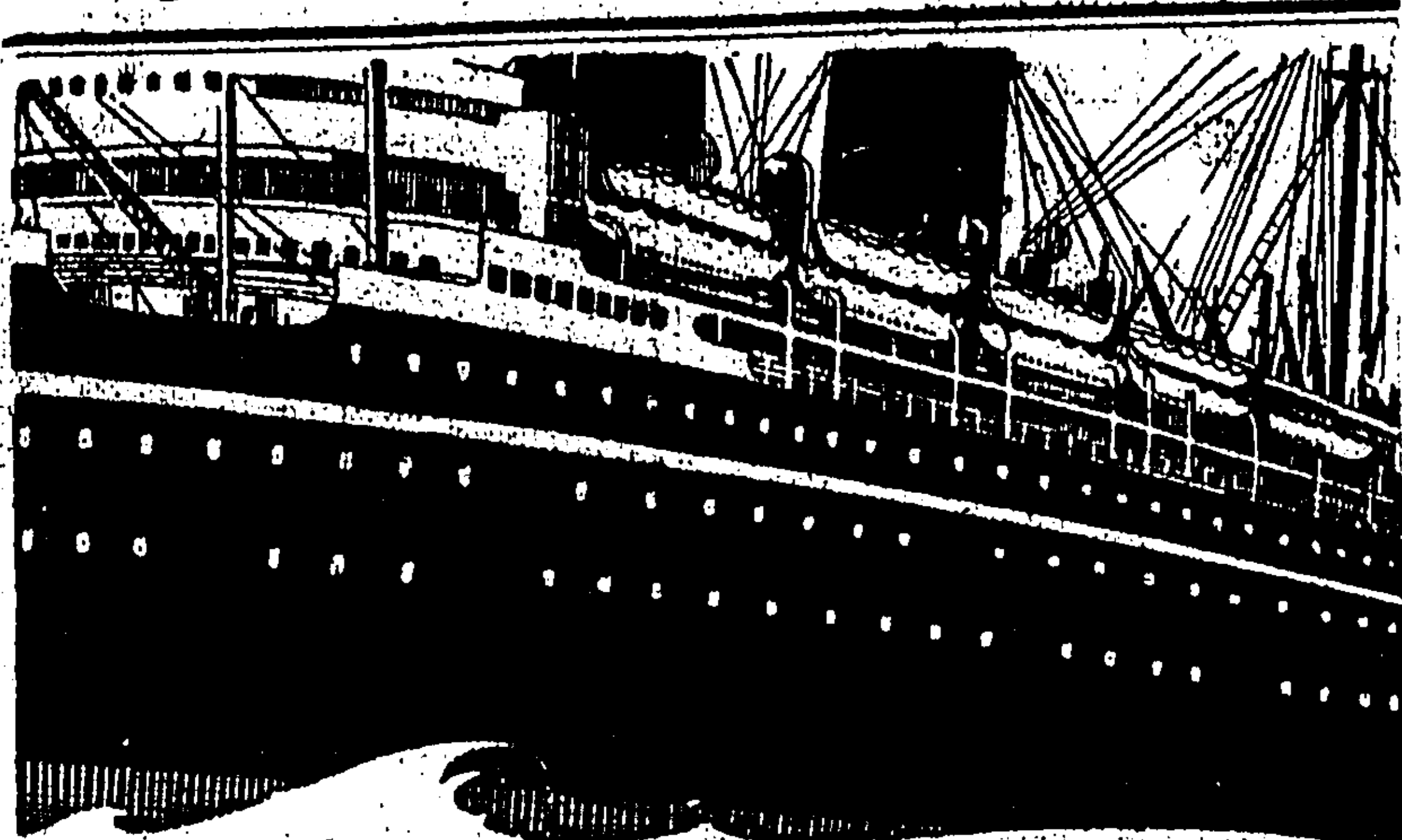
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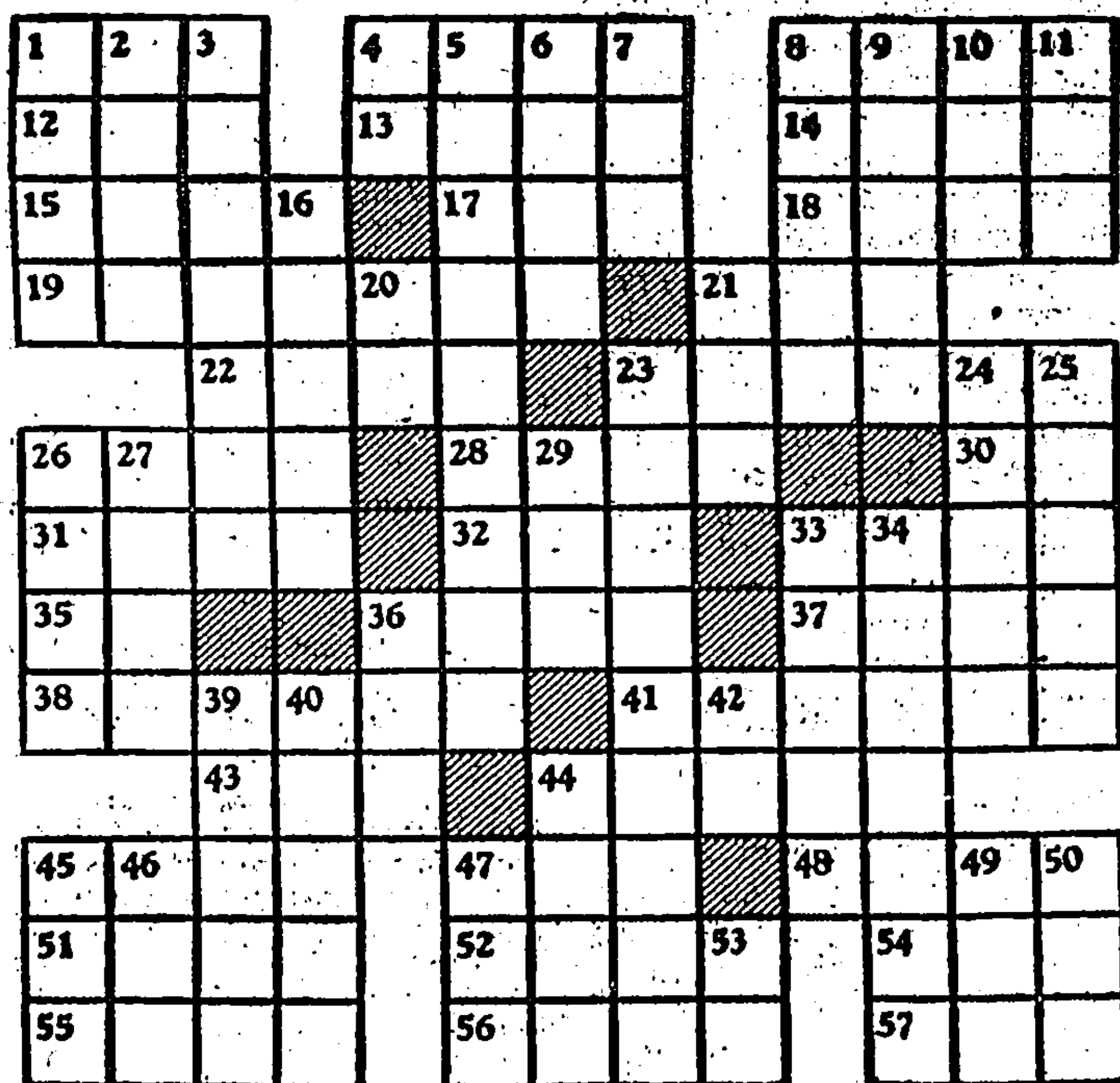


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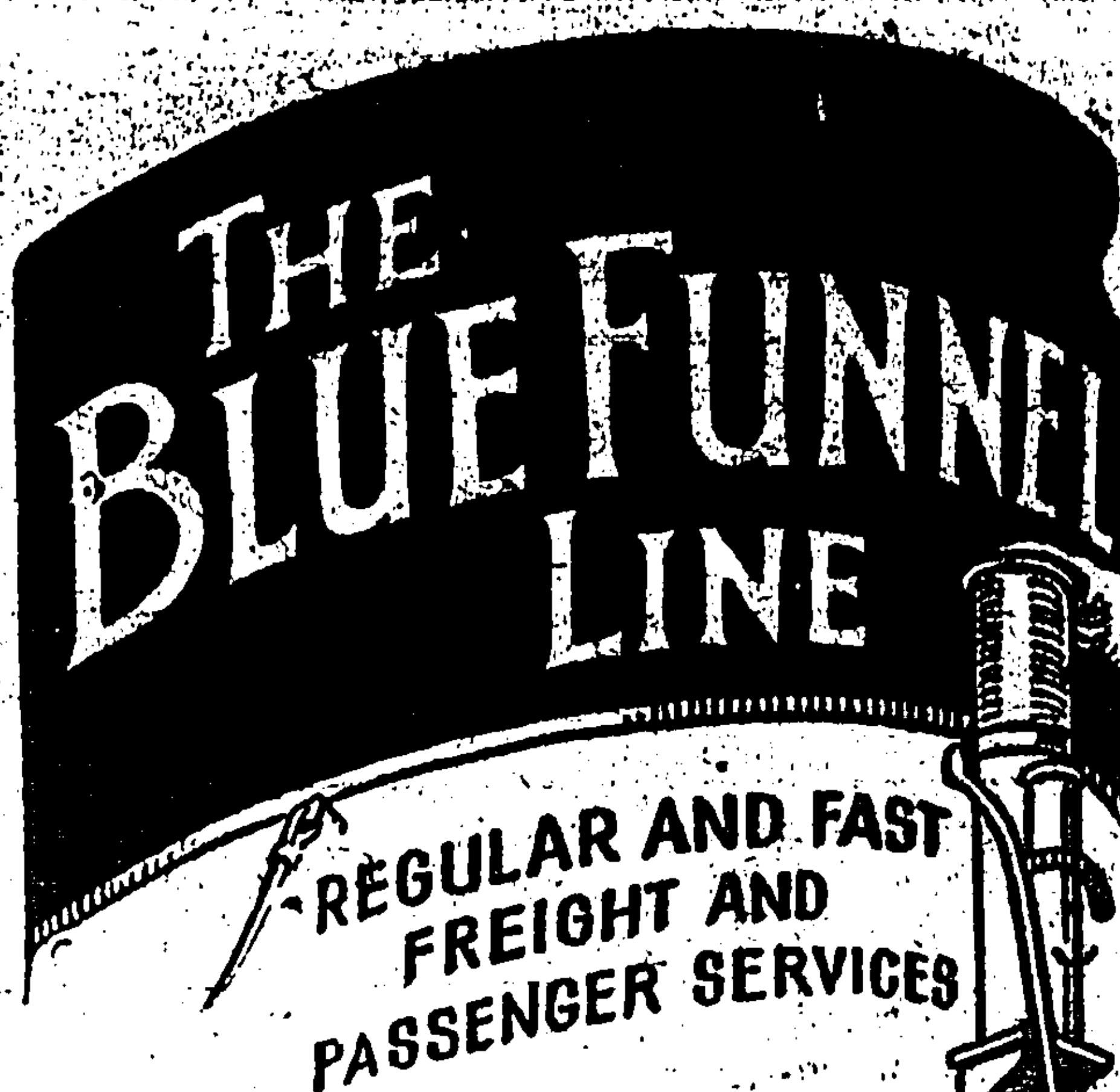
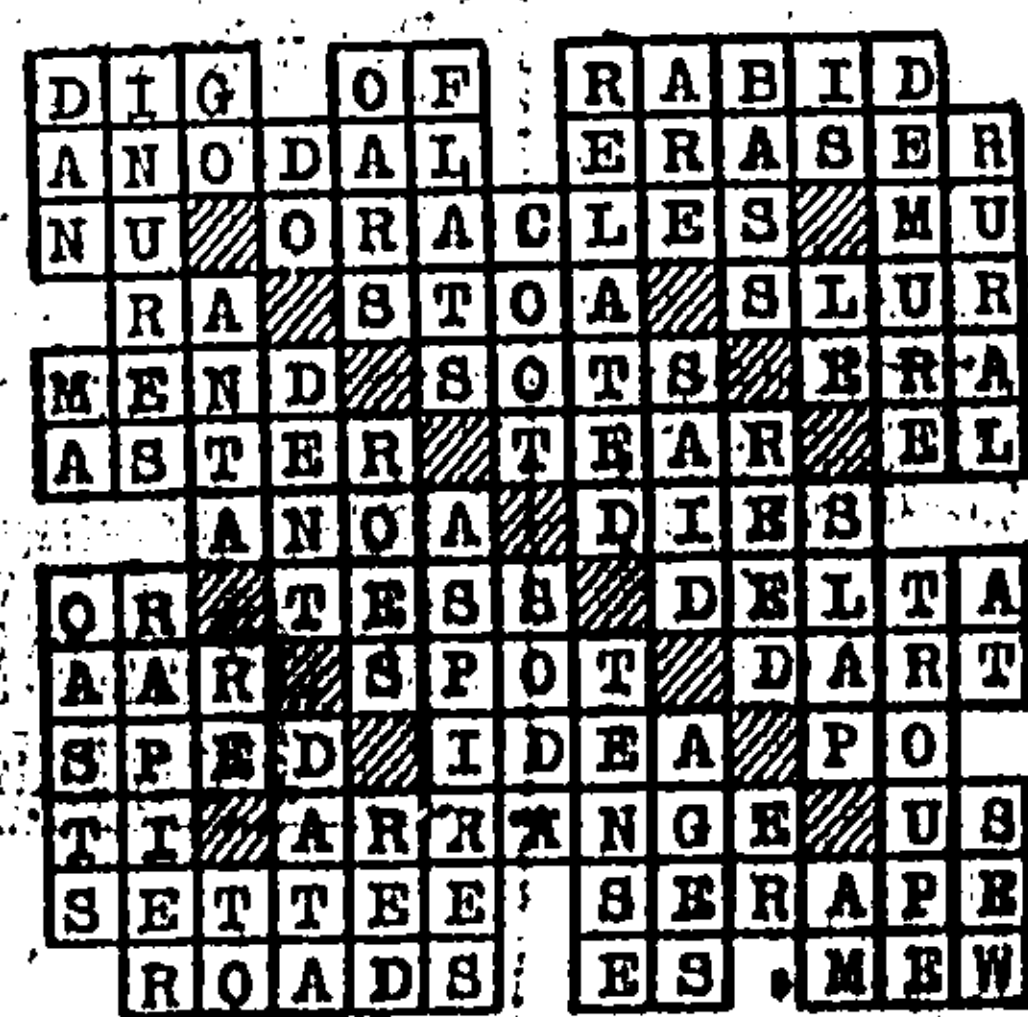


HORIZONTAL
 1 Name of large wooden statue
 4 Algerian port
 8 Secure
 12 Oriental title
 13 To trust
 14 Samoan city
 15 Heraldic bearing
 17 Coin of India
 18 Chimera
 19 Rodent
 21 Propeller
 22 Scope
 23 To worry
 26 Aryan deity
 28 Stood at mark
 30 Negative
 31 Kind of cheese
 32 Asia Minor mountain
 33 To read metrically
 35 To assist
 36 Etymology
 37 Delicate food
 38 Shelter
 41 Marbles
 43 Day-dreeze by Lake Garda

44 To anoint
 45 Filipino tongue
 47 Thus
 48 Yellowish brown
 51 Norse deity
 52 Conceit
 54 Auxiliary verb
 55 Harem rooms
 56 Epidemic
 57 Indian

VERTICAL
 1 Prison
 2 Demon
 3 Italian physician
 4 Conjunction
 5 Voting twice
 6 Lighted
 7 Pheasant brood
 8 Electrical unit
 9 Copying
 10 To err
 11 Yearling sheep
 16 Weird
 20 Musical note
 21 Supporting bar
 23 Performances of duty
 24 Kin on mother's side
 25 Sounds
 26 Father
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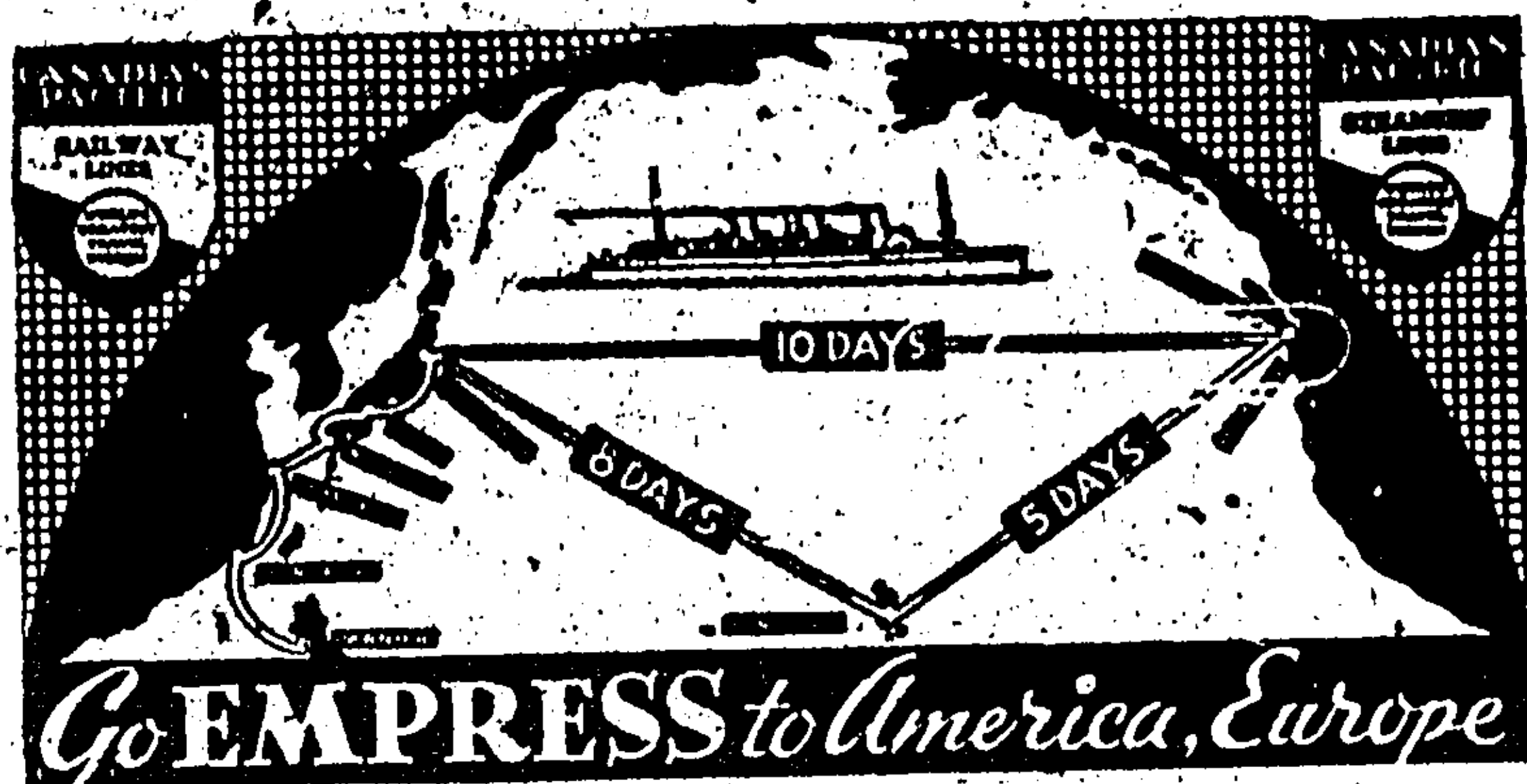
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BERLIN-PARIS TALKS MAY EVENTUATE

London, Feb. 4.

"Conversations of the greatest importance are likely to take place next week between France and Germany," the "Daily Herald" announced this morning.

"Of course, a rip-roaring speech by Il Duce to-night before the Grand Fascist Council would spoil everything, but it is expected that he will soft-pedal on strong hints from Berlin," the paper added. "A visit to Berlin by M. George Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, in return for Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop's trip to Paris, is likely to be held very soon, although rumours in Berlin yesterday, that it had already been arranged, were premature."

"The French Government has been given to understand that, although Germany would, in the event of a war, stand by her ally, she will use all her influence to prevent a situation increasing the danger of war." — Havas.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-13/16. "Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20 1/4 and forward at 19 7/8. The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6875 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$4.6875.

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A COLONIAL LEAGUE HAS BEEN FOUNDED AT A MEETING ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF ALL PARTIES AND BY OTHER INTERESTED QUARTERS.

The aim of the movement is the promotion of the Imperial idea and combatting Germany's colonial claims by a public campaign against the return of the Mandated territories.

Among the members of the executive Council of the new Colonial League are several personages who formerly held high positions in the British colonial service such as Lord Lugard, formerly of Hong Kong, Lord Halley, Lord Stonehaven, Lord Selborne.

The former Colonial and Dominions Secretary, Mr. L. M. Amery, the former High Commissioner in South Africa, Lord Selborne, and the Liberal member of the House of Commons, James de Rothschild, are likewise members of the Council, the executive committee of which is headed by the Under-Secretary of the Colonial Office, Sir Samuel Wilson.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW GOLD BILL PASSED

London, To-day.
After a short debate in the Commons, the Bill Amending the Currency and Bank Notes Act and providing for revaluation of the gold reserve of the Bank of England, passed through its remaining stages last evening.—British Wireless.

CHARLTON'S FINE VICTORY

London, To-day.
Charlton Athletic defeated Leicester, at Leicester, in a First Division Football match yesterday by five goals to one.—Reuter.



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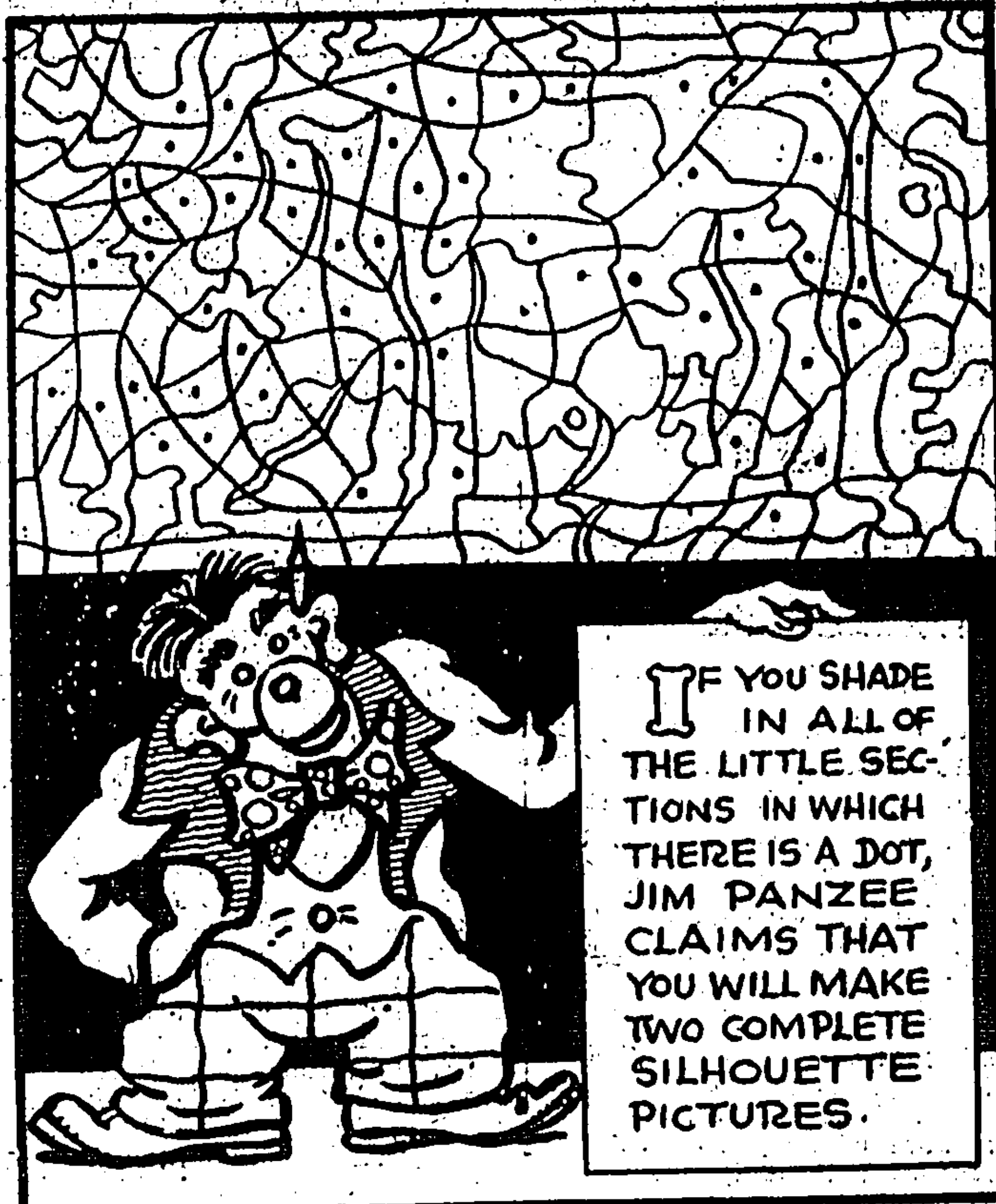
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16	3	2	13
5	10	11	8-34
9	6	7	12
4	15	14	1
		1	
		34	

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1390 b., \$1395 sa.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$462 1/2 b., \$465 sa.

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Demonstrations Ps. 20 1/2 sa.

I. X. L. Ps. 65 sa.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. 14 1/2 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. 1.80 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. 23 sa.

United Paracales Ps. .68 sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels \$6 1/2 b.

Chinese Estates \$100 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways \$17 1/2 s., \$17.40 sa.

Yaumati Ferries (Old) \$22 1/2 b.

China Lights (Old) \$8.90 s., \$8.90/-

China Lights (New) \$5 1/2 sa.

H. K. Electrics \$58 b., \$58 1/4 s., \$58

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The passengers were rescued by a boat from the British motor ship Silveryew, commanded by Chief Officer Bloye.

In November, 1935, Chief Officer Bloye was himself wrecked in San Bernardino Strait. He was then Second Officer of the British motor ship Silverhazel. When the Captain and First Officer of that ship were drowned Second Officer Bloye took charge and brought a number of the crew to a ledge of rock, where they were eventually rescued.

The seas are wide, and that an officer of the Merchant Marine should be involved in rescuing those on board two ships, wrecked on the same spot three years apart, is surely the least likely happening, but it has happened.

NAVAL TRIPS ON PEARL RIVER

H.M.S. Moth left this morning for Canton, while the U.S.S. Mindanao and the French River Gunboat Argus are expected to leave Canton to-day for Hong Kong.

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MAIN CHALLENGERS FROM MARBER AND JOHN PEEL STABLES

(By "RAPIER")

The new batch of Australian ponies arrived in the Colony in the latter part of last year and have had the benefit of proper care and training in preparation for the forthcoming Annual Race Meeting. Quite a few of them have been difficult to control, with the result that several jockeys and riding boys were thrown.

I am afraid this year's new ponies must be described as merely moderate, without any one pony being really outstanding, and there are very few from whom great things are expected.

In the course of this tentative review, I can only point out the ponies which I expect to do well, and these should be borne in mind.

KONG BROS. STABLE

In previous years, Kong Bros. Stable have been quite fortunate in possessing some great racers among the Australian ponies, and they have done exceptionally well. This year they have drawn Rising Star, Ruby Star and Southern Star. The first two have been entered for the Annual Meeting, while they have evidently decided to hold back Southern Star.

I like Ruby Star the best, although I am not placing much reliance on its ability to win any of the classic events. It has a good movement and I have no doubt that ultimately it will develop into a pony to be seriously considered. For the present, I don't think it is as yet properly tuned up for the big meeting. Rising Star may do well in the race for non-winners.

JOHN PEEL STABLE

This stable has two new ponies named Cairnmore and Cockleroi.

Cockleroi is undoubtedly good and I shall not be surprised to see it taking a very prominent place in the various events in which it is entered for. This pony has a really beautiful movement, and

in training seems to move along without being strongly urged. I am inclined to believe, however, that it is more of a sprinter as in a recent jaunt over three quarters of a mile it accomplished the distance in 1.32 with a last quarter of 27 secs. Whether it has the necessary stamina for the Rooty-Hill Derby distance remains to be seen. Cairnmore was on the sick list a few weeks ago; but it has since returned to training, and I think it will show up well in the near future.

DYNASTY STABLE

This stable will provide two new ponies in King's Herald and Princes Bridge, the last of which belongs to Mrs. T. E. Pearce. King's Herald is the better of the two, but I am afraid I cannot offer much hope for Princes Bridge.

THE DUNBAR STABLE

Mr. L. Dunbar has Baffin Bay, and I think Mrs. Dunbar should feel satisfied with her new pony, which she has named Poconos. This pony reminds me of Aztec, which ran under Mrs. Dunbar's colours last year. It is quite good and should be worth following up to a mile.

LADY NORTHCOTE

Lady Northcote is distinctly fortunate in being the owner of Devonian, a powerfully built pony with a nice easy



movement, and it will probably turn out to be the best by the time the Annual Meeting is over.

There is no doubt that in appearance, Devonian has the makings of a stayer and, judging from its recent performances in training, when it galloped the 1 1/4-mile distance in 2.36 3/5, with a last quarter in 29.3, its name is stamped on my mind as the potential winner of the Rooty-Hill Derby.

MARBER STABLE

Mr. B. W. Bradbury is also another lucky owner who has in his possession a beautiful looking chestnut mare, which he has named Janber. Apart from its gallop last Saturday morning, Janber has been given fairly light work, its connections evidently being satisfied that its training has reached the stage where it can be relied on to make good in actual racing.

I am inclined to believe that this pony will be hard to beat over short and medium distances, and it will probably carry off one of the sections in the Sydney Maidens.

In appearance, however, this pony looks quite powerful, and as Mr. Don. Black has a wealth of experience in handling Australian ponies, all I can say is bear this one firmly in mind for all its outings.

MR. J. H. JESSEN

Mr. Jessen has Pumpernickel, which is definitely a good pony. From what I have been able to see from its training, this pony needs to be further developed. It has stamina and speed and with another two weeks to go, I consider that with proper care and attention it will prove a menace to the others in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

MR. & MRS. W. T. STANTON

This popular racing couple own Balatoc and Heinz, the former being the better of the two. They have not been in the limelight in training, but Balatoc should be remembered as a pony good for winning a race towards the end of the meeting.

COMMODITY

The Commodity stable have Magic and Ajax. Magic is certainly the better of the two and should do well. The pony seems good for long distance races, but at the moment it is a little green for racing.

Serenade, which belongs to the Wayfoong stable, is more or less of the type of Balatoc and should be followed. It is gradually improving.

MR. MOLLER

Mr. Moller has entered Candlelight in races for Australian ponies, and as its training has been confined to Shanghai until its arrival here, it is difficult to say what it is capable of. I fancy the pony for sprint events.

OTHER STABLES

Mrs. Eu Tong Sen's Chiltern is a fine looking pony, and although it has not been fully extended in training, this pony should be remembered over any distance. It is certainly a strong contender for honours in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

Victory Day, belonging to S. N. Chau, did a good 3/4-mile gallop recently in 1.33, with a last quarter in 29, and in my opinion it is good for longer distance events. It may prove a source of danger in the Rooty-Hill Derby.

Another pony to remember is Loquacious, belonging to Manetta. It is a long distance pony, and from what I have seen of it in training it seems to like running, and its prospects seem bright.

LI LAN SANG'S ENTRIES

Up to the time that Mr. Li Lan Sang purchased Courting Eve from the Sassoon Stable last year, he was not interested in Australian ponies but, having tasted success in this direction, he now has two new ponies, named Rivulet and Winfred. The last named is the best, and should do well over sprint events, especially with Mr. H. C. Pih in control.

Laffat That, which originally belonged to the late Mr. Harold Seth, appeals to me as a pony with good prospects, and I would recommend it for long distances.

SHANGHAI TENNIS PLAYERS ROBBED OF DESERVED WIN

Shanghai Chinese Students' tennis team, only beaten as yet by South China A.A. during their visit here, were unfortunate not to beat Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday at K.C.C., bad light compelling the final doubles match to be abandoned at 9-all in the second set.

The visitors played an aggressive brand of tennis and a high standard of play was displayed during the afternoon. K. C. Tsai impressed greatly with his free forehand stroking and angle volleying, but he was decidedly vulnerable on the backhand, and Fincher's continued attack on this hand caused Tsai's defeat in straight sets. H. K. F. Li was the best equipped of the visitors, his service and overhead work being deadly, while he was as good on the backhand as on the forehand. Very consistent throughout, he was the best of the visitors.

Poker Tong was fully extended by Crawford and only played well in spasms. His service and heavily sliced backhand shot were his best assets.

Li and Tong made a good doubles team and but for bad light would have beaten Teddy Fincher and Crawford, who dropped the first set at 7-5 and then managed to hold their opponents until bad light forced abandonment.

Wei and Hsu started very convincingly against Gray and Burnett, but after winning the first set they failed to thrust home their advantage. Both were excellent in their net play but were weak in lobbing.

Fincher, out of tennis for sometime, played really well in his singles match and with better support would have won his doubles match also. Crawford was erratic in his singles match and lacked punch in the doubles. Guest played his usual baseline game in the singles and was beaten by a player with more initiative and better strokes.

Gray and Burnett showed better combination than they have done before and with Gray in great form over-head just managed to win.

Scores

E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.) beat K. C. Tsai 6-2, 8-6.

H. K. F. Li (S.C.S.) beat A. E. P. Guest 6-3, 6-3.

Poker Tong (S.C.S.) beat A. Crawford 8-6, 6-4.

H. K. F. Li and P. Tong (S.C.S.) led E. C. Fincher and A. Crawford 7-5, 9-9 (abandoned).

S. A. Gray and G. C. Burnett (K.C.C.) beat T. H. Wei and P. C. Hsu 5-7, 6-3, 7-5.

The visitors are playing C.R.C. on Saturday and I.R.C. on Sunday and are leaving for Shanghai next Wednesday.

Golf Challenge Match

Exciting Finish To
£100 Match

(By AIR MAIL)

There was an exciting finish to the 72 holes £100 challenge match in which Max Faulkner, Leamington professional, defeated W. J. Martin (Capt Heath) by one hole at Sutton Coldfield.

The final 36 holes began with Faulkner holding a five holes lead. On the first round, however, Martin got level at the twelfth, and finished at the interval with an advantage of one hole. He was round in 71.

In the last 18 holes Martin held on to his lead, and eventually became two up with five to play. Faulkner then holed some long putts, and took three of the remaining holes to gain a close win, having completed the round in 70.



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**THREE AWAY
PROBABLES**

Chester
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Rangers

Alternative:—Lincoln.

F.A. CUP (FIFTH ROUND)

Newcastle v Preston
Portsmouth v West Ham
WOLVES v Liverpool
SUNDERLAND v Blackburn
CHELSEA v Wednesday

FIELD v Walsall
SHEFFIELD U. v Grimsby
Birmingham v EVERTON

FIRST DIVISION

CHARLTON (-) v M'chester U. (-)
DERBY (1) v Brentford (3)
LEEDS (5) v Middlesbro' (3)

SECOND DIVISION

BRADFORD (1) v Bury (1)
BURNLEY (0) v Plymouth (2)

CHESTERFIELD (-) v Tranmere (-)
Coventry (-) v West Brom. (-)
Millwall (-) v FULHAM (-)

SOUTHAMPTON (3) v Norwich (1)
TOTTENHAM (3) v Luton (0)

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

ALDERSHOT (0) v Notts C. (1)
BRISTOL C. (3) v Northampton (0)
CARDIFF (3) v Bournemouth (0)
CRYSTAL P. (3) v Newport (0)

IPSWICH (-) v Brighton (-)
PORT VALE (-) v Torquay (-)
Queen's P.R. (3) v Swindon (0)
READING (4) v Bristol R. (0)
SOUTHEND (0) v Mansfield (1)
WATFORD (2) v Clapton (0)

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington (0) v LINCOLN (3)
BARNESLEY (-) v Hull (-)
CARLISLE (0) v Rotherham (1)
CREWE (0) v Doncaster (0)
Darlington (2) v Rochdale (4)
Gateshead (2) v Wrexham (2)
Halifax (1) v CHESTER (1)
Hartlepool (0) v York (0)
NEW BRIGH-
TON (2) v Barrow (1)
OLDHAM (1) v Bradford C. (2)
STOCKPORT (-) v Southport (-)

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE
(FIRST DIVISION)**

Arbroath (2) v KILMAR-
NOCK (1)
Ayr (2) v HAMILTON (3)
CELTIC (3) v Clyde (1)
Falkirk (1) v QUEEN O'S. (4)
HIBERNIANS (-) v Albion (-)
Motherwell (3) v HEARTS (3)
PARTICK (3) v Queen's Park (2)
St. Johnstone (1) v Aberdeen (1)
ST. MIRREN (-) v Raith (-)
Third Lanark (1) v RANGERS (2)

**THREE LIKELY
DRAWS**

Coventry v. West Brom.
Gateshead v. Wrexham
Portsmouth v. West Ham

**TEAMS TO BE
AVOIDED**

Chelsea.—They put out the Ar-
senal, but it would not be
surprising if both Sheffield
teams got through this round.
Everton.—Birmingham's League
form gives every encourage-
ment to the Toffee team.
But—Birmingham won their
league engagement at Bir-
mingham and may repeat if
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Interport Soccer XI Disappoints

Hau Ching-To Only Forward To Shine

(By "UBIQUE")

The Colony's Interport Football team luckily held a depleted "Rest of the Colony" team to a draw in a practice game at Causeway Bay yesterday, when they shared two goals.

The whole of the Interport team was on view and the selectors must have had some misgivings when several of the players failed to display the form expected of them.

Tam Kwan-kon, in goal, Lee Tin-sang and Sheehan, the backs, did all that was required of them, while Leung Wing-chui, at left-half, played his usual game.

DIXON OFF

Dixon, at centre half, worked hard but was not at his best in assisting his forward, while Honeywill, at right-half, had a trying time against J. Gomes and lay too far back.

Hau ching-to was the only Interport forward to shine. He played one of the best games this season.

Lee Wai-tong, at centre forward, was up against Lau Hing-choy, who knew his every move and apparently was not going all out, the same of which can be said of A. V. Gosano. It was apparent that there was too much concentrating on Lee in the attack, and as the latter would be the marked man against the Manila, it would be as well for the other forwards to take the initiative more often.

Fowler, on the right wing, started well, but fell off during the latter part



of the game.

WEAKENED BUT GOOD

The Rest team without Beltrao Ulrich, Jorge and Reitsen did very well against the Interport team.

McAllister displayed good form in goal, while Ho Yung-sang justified his inclusion in the Rest team by his quick tackling and first time clearances. His partner Tsang Chung-wan, brought in at the last minutes, showed that he too should have been considered.

E. Strange and Tse Kam-hung, the wing-halves, did their jobs well although E. Strange had a difficult task against Hau Ching-to, while Tse Kam-hung found Fowler's speed no handicap.

The Rest forward line was a nipp lot. In fact they were more impressive than their opponents. Chan Tak-fai distributed the ball in good style and made the best use of his wingers.

Lee Tak-kee and J. Gomes were two fast inside-forwards, the latter giving Honeywill much to do, while the former had hard luck with two shots.

The Interport team scored in the second half through Lee Wai-tong, but Chan Tak-fai equalised shortly after.

The following were the teams.

Interport Team:—Tam Kwan-kon (S. China "B"); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A") and Sheehan (Middlesex); Honeywill (Navy), Dixon (Navy) and Leung Wing-chui (S. China "A"); F. Fowler (Club), Fung King-cheung (S. China "A"), Lee Wai-tong (S. China "A") (Captain), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Rest of the Colony:—McAllister (Navy); Ho Yung-sang (Kwong Wah) and Tsang Chung-wan (Eastern); Tse Kam-hung (South China), and E. L. Strange (Club); Tang Kwong-sum (S. China "A"), Lee Tak-tse (Eastern), Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"), Gomes (St. Joseph's) and Lee Yan-leong (South China).

Home Football Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	27	13	2	7	55	28	38
Derby	28	16	6	6	52	34	38
Wolves	27	13	8	6	48	21	34
Stoke	28	12	7	9	51	40	31
Charlton	26	13	4	9	40	36	30
Liverpool	28	11	8	9	46	44	30
Bolton	27	10	9	8	48	39	29
Arsenal	27	10	9	8	32	24	29
Middlesbro.	28	11	7	10	59	48	29
Leeds	26	10	7	9	43	46	27
Grimsby	27	10	7	10	39	46	27
Sunderland	27	9	8	10	34	40	26
Manchester U.	27	8	10	9	38	36	26
Aston Villa	27	10	5	11	42	39	25
Preston	26	9	7	10	38	40	25
Blackpool	27	7	9	11	33	46	23
Chelsea	26	8	5	13	46	55	23
Leicester	27	7	8	12	33	49	22
Huddersfield	27	8	5	14	37	42	21
Portsmouth	26	6	9	11	24	44	21
Brentford	25	7	6	12	34	52	20
Birmingham	27	7	4	16	44	58	18

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Barnsley	28	20	4	4	64	25	44
Southport	25	14	7	4	57	29	35
Doncaster	26	13	9	4	49	30	35
Bradford C.	27	15	3	9	59	36	33
Crowe	27	16	1	10	67	42	33
Oldham	27	15	2	10	52	43	32
Hull	26	13	5	8	63	47	31
Chester	24	11	5	8	57	47	27
Stockport	25	10	7	8	56	46	27
New Brighton	28	11	5	12	46	49	27
Rotherham	28	11	5	12	47	47	27
Halifax	27	9	8	10	27	32	26
Barrow	28	11	4	13	44	49	26
Wrexham	28	11	4	13	48	59	23
Rochdale	28	10	5	13	62	54	25
Lincoln	26	8	8	12	47	59	24
Darlington	27	9	6	12	48	65	24
Carlisle	28	8	5	13	39	66	21
Gateshead	26	7	7	12	43	50	21
York	27	7	6	14	38	59	20
Hartlepool	28	7	4	17	39	68	18
Accrington	27	2	4	21	25	70	8

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackburn	29	17	8	4	71	44	37
Sheffield U.	27	12	11	4	45	28	35
Coventry	28	15	4	7	47	38	34
Wednesday	26	13	6	7	64	43	32
West Brom.	27	14	4	9	67	52	32
Fulham	26	13	6	7	44	32	32
Newcastle	27	13	5	9	44	32	31
Luton	26	11	8	7	44	38	30
Tottenham	27	13	4	10	52	45	30
Burnley	29	11	8	10	38	39	30
Manchester C.	28	13	3	10	68	54	29
Chesterfield	26	11	6	9	41	38	28
West Ham	26	10	7	9	47	36	27
Bury	28	8	9	11	42	47	25
Millwall	26	8	8	10	41	38	24
Bradford	28	8	8	12	46	60	24
Plymouth	26	9	5	12	33	39	23
Southampton	26	7	6	13	34	51	20
Swansea	26	4	11	11	28	51	19
Notts F.	26	5	7	14	33	62	17
Norwich	24	7	1	16	28	59	15
Tranmere	28	4	4	20	32	73	12

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Newport	27	17	4	6	40	27	38
Crystal P.	26	13	6	7	46	37	32
Reading	28	10	11	7	45	36	31
Brighton	26	13	4	9	45	35	30
Aldershot	26	11	8	7	32	34	30
Notts C.	24	11	5	8	33	28	29
Northampton	27	13	3	11	42	38	29
Swindon	26	11	6	9	49	43	28
Queen's P.R.	26	10	8	8	54	35	28
Bristol C.	27	11	6	10	43	43	28
Cardiff	26	10	7	9	35	38	27
Watford	27	10	6	11	41	38	26
Torquay	25	9	5	11	34	40	23
Exeter	26	7	9	10	42	58	23
Southend	22	8	6	8	40	41	22
Ipswich	24	8	6	10	32	35	22
Mansfield	25	8	6	11	31	48	22
Port Vale	25	8	5	12	32	35	21
Clapton	25	7	7	11	32	36	21
Bournemouth	25	7	7	11	30	38	21
Bristol R.	26	6	8	12	32	38	20
Walsall	25	5	5	15	26	41	15

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	28	20	5	3	94	45	45
Hearts	28	16	4	8	75	47	36
Aberdeen	28	15	5	8	73	47	35
Celtic	27	13	7	7	77	41	33
Queen O'S.	28	13	6	9	49	47	32
Hamilton	28	14	4	10	52	51	32
Falkirk	28	13	5	10	54	51	31
Kilmarnock	27	12	7	8	53	55	31
Motherwell	28	12	5	11	63	60	29
Hibernian	28	12	4	12	60	63	28
Clyde	27	13	2	12	58	54	28
St. Johnstone	29	12	4	13	63	72	28
Partick	27	12	3	12	48	59	27
Third Lanark	27	9	7	11	63	70	25
Ayr	28	8	7	13	53	64	23
St. Mirren	28	8	6	14	42	57	22
Queen's Park	27	8	4	15	40	69	20
Arbroath	29	6	7	16	37	65	19
Albion	29	6	4	18	43	76	18
Raith	28	7	2	19	52	78	18

(Mid-week games not included.)

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings For Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling on Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.16 a.m.	H. E. the Governor, K. S. Morrison.
9.20	D. J. Gilmore, S. H. Dodwell.
9.24	E. H. Williams, T. Megarfy.
9.28	R. H. Gregory, E. T. McMullen.
9.32	A. B. Purves, I. H. Geare.
9.36	W. T. Yoxall, D. H. Blake.
9.40	G. McGrane, C. F. Marshall.
9.44	J. W. Mayhew, E. J. Fagiano.
9.48	R. Young, G. M. Park.
9.52	R. G. Parker, I. P. Tamworth.
9.56	J. L. C. Pearce, T. F. R. Waters.
10.00	M. A. Johnson, W. Woodward.
10.04	J. M. Pearson, W. S. E. James.
10.08	B. D. Evans, D. D. Forbes.
10.12	G. S. Archbutt, D'Arcy Weatherbe.
10.16	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.20	P. C. Jackson, A. A. Bremner.
10.24	A. C. I. Bowker, Comdr. Hole.
10.28	S. J. H. Fox, H. H. Mundy.
10.32	W. W. C. Shewan, D. S. Edward.
10.36	C. Mycock, H. H. Beddow.
10.40	D. S. Robb, J. Forbes.
10.44	J. Hall, W. W. Rae.
10.48	P. S. Delany, D. Humphreys.
10.52	R. J. Shrigley, F. C. Young.
10.56	W. J. S. Key, E. W. Kirk.
11.00	H. Harrison, R. R. de L. Leisching.

NEW COURSE

9.20 a.m.	L. M. S. Lloyd, C. M. Gao.
9.28	H. and Mrs. Overy.
9.32	C. H. D. Curtoys, J. W. Anderson.
9.40	W. and Mrs. Bell.
9.44	Miss Taylor, H. G. Sheldon.
10.00	Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Woodward.
10.32	R. G. Gray, C. D. N. Walk.
10.40	P. H. Scoones, T. A. Pearce.
10.44	Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Edward.
10.52	B. J. Bacon, D. McCallum.



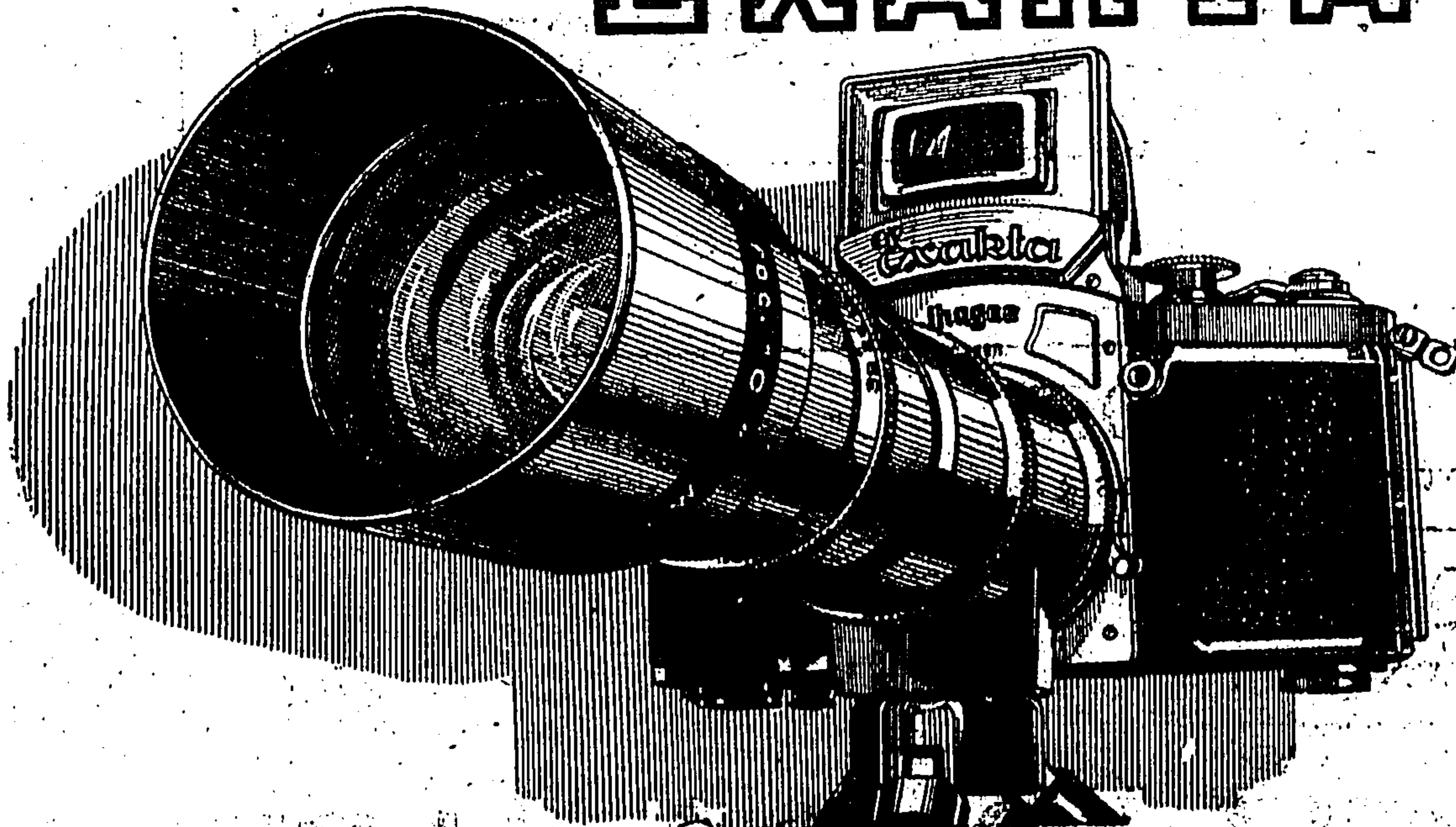
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League Tables & Form Guide

COVERING the last five League matches, this guide to current form in the English and Scottish Football League indicates venue, opponent and result, with the most recent result on the extreme right column. (a18) indicates that the team played away to Team No. 18.

FIRST DIVISION

1	Arsenal	(a10)	0-2	(h 7)	2-0	(a 2)	3-1	(h22)	0-0	(h21)	2-0
2	Aston Villa	(h21)	1-1	(a 9)	1-2	(h 4)	3-1	(h 1)	1-3	(a18)	0-0
3	Birmingham	(a17)	2-2	(h16)	3-3	(a20)	3-6	(a19)	0-5	(h 7)	3-4
4	Blackpool	(h22)	1-0	(a 2)	1-3	(h21)	1-1	(a11)	0-2	(h 9)	2-2
5	Bolton	(h20)	1-3	(h13)	2-2	(a15)	2-1	(h14)	4-0	(a17)	2-1
6	Brentford	(a18)	2-2	(h10)	2-0	(a22)	2-5	(a21)	1-1	(h11)	1-2
7	Charlton	(a13)	1-2	(a15)	1-3	(a 1)	0-2	(h17)	3-0	(a 3)	4-3
8	Chelsea	(h13)	2-2	(a14)	2-3	(h17)	4-2	(h16)	0-1	(a20)	1-6
9	Derby	(h 2)	2-1	(a21)	0-1	(a20)	0-3	(h11)	4-1	(a 4)	2-2
10	Everton	(a 6)	0-2	(h 1)	2-0	(h12)	3-2	(a18)	1-0	(a15)	3-0
11	Grimsby	(h21)	1-3	(a16)	1-3	(h 4)	2-0	(a 9)	1-4	(a 6)	2-1
12	Huddersfield	(h 4)	3-0	(a 1)	0-1	(h18)	3-0	(a10)	2-3	(h22)	1-2
13	Leeds	(a 8)	2-2	(h 7)	2-1	(a 5)	2-2	(h15)	1-1	(a14)	0-2
14	Leicester	(h16)	1-1	(h 8)	3-2	(a19)	1-2	(a 5)	0-4	(h18)	2-0
15	Liverpool	(a17)	0-3	(a 7)	3-1	(h 5)	1-2	(a13)	1-1	(h10)	0-3
16	Manchester U.	(a 3)	3-3	(h11)	3-1	(h20)	0-1	(a 8)	1-0	(h19)	1-1
17	Middlesbrough	(h15)	3-0	(a 8)	2-4	(h19)	2-2	(a 7)	0-3	(h 5)	1-2
18	Portsmouth	(a 5)	1-5	(a12)	0-3	(a22)	0-3	(h10)	0-1	(h 2)	0-0
19	Preston	(a15)	1-4	(h14)	2-1	(a17)	2-2	(h 3)	5-0	(a16)	1-1
20	Stoke	(a 5)	3-1	(h 3)	6-3	(a16)	1-0	(h 9)	3-0	(h 8)	6-1
21	Sunderland	(a11)	0-1	(h 9)	1-0	(a 4)	1-1	(h 6)	1-1	(a 1)	0-2
22	Wolves	(a 4)	0-1	(h 6)	5-2	(h18)	3-0	(a 1)	0-0	(a12)	2-1

SECOND DIVISION

1	Blackburn	(a20)	2-4	(a17)	1-2	(h 2)	6-4	(a 9)	2-3	(h10)	3-1
2	Bradford	(a19)	1-2	(h10)	1-0	(a 1)	4-6	(h 7)	1-5	(a20)	0-2
3	Burnley	(a15)	1-1	(h11)	2-0	(h12)	3-0	(a21)	2-1	(a 8)	0-1
4	Bury	(h10)	1-1	(a22)	0-0	(h19)	5-0	(a 5)	1-2	(h17)	4-0
5	Chesterfield	(h 2)	2-2	(a 1)	0-3	(a11)	1-0	(h 4)	2-1	(a22)	1-1
6	Coventry	(a14)	2-0	(h18)	4-0	(a16)	2-0	(h13)	5-1	(a11)	1-0
7	Fulham	(a20)	1-5	(h19)	1-0	(h17)	1-0	(a 2)	5-1	(h 9)	2-1
8	Luton	(a12)	1-2	(h 9)	3-0	(h14)	3-4	(a15)	2-2	(h 3)	1-0
9	Manchester C.	(h19)	5-2	(h 2)	5-1	(a 8)	0-3	(h 1)	3-2	(a 7)	1-2
10	Millwall	(h17)	1-1	(a 4)	1-1	(a 2)	0-1	(a14)	2-2	(a 1)	1-3
11	Newcastle	(a15)	0-0	(h 5)	0-1	(a 3)	0-2	(a16)	0-0	(h 6)	0-1
12	Norwich	(a 2)	0-3	(a11)	0-4	(h 8)	2-1	(a 3)	0-3	(h18)	1-2
13	Notts F.	(a 8)	0-1	(h 3)	2-2	(a18)	1-4	(a 6)	1-5	(h19)	2-2
14	Plymouth	(h 6)	0-2	(a21)	2-4	(a 8)	4-3	(h10)	2-2	(h15)	0-1
15	Sheffield U.	(a11)	0-0	(h 3)	1-1	(h21)	1-1	(h 8)	2-2	(a14)	1-0
16	Southampton	(h15)	2-2	(h 4)	0-0	(h 6)	0-2	(h11)	0-0	(a21)	0-2
17	Swansea	(a10)	1-1	(h 1)	2-1	(a 7)	0-1	(h20)	0-1	(a 4)	0-4
18	Tottenham	(h 3)	1-0	(a 6)	0-4	(h13)	4-1	(h21)	2-2	(a12)	2-1
19	Tranmere	(h 2)	2-1	(h20)	1-4	(a 4)	0-5	(h22)	2-2	(a13)	2-2
20	Wednesday	(h22)	1-4	(a 1)	4-2	(a19)	4-1	(a17)	1-0	(h 2)	2-0
21	West Brom.	(h14)	4-2	(a15)	1-1	(a18)	2-2	(h 3)	1-2	(h16)	2-0
22	West Ham	(h10)	0-0	(a20)	4-1	(h 4)	0-0	(a19)	2-2	(h 5)	1-1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

1	Aldershot	(a 9)	3-3	(h20)	1-1	(a 7)	0-2	(h12)	1-0	(a13)	0-5
2	Bournemouth	(a11)	0-2	(h20)	2-5	(h16)	4-2	(a18)	2-2	(h 9)	2-0
3	Brighton	(h11)	3-0	(h19)	4-0	(a16)	2-1	(a 9)	2-2	(h 6)	1-2
4	Bristol C.	(a 6)	1-2	(h19)	1-1	(a20)	1-3	(h 7)	3-1	(a12)	2-0
5	Bristol R.	(h15)	0-1	(a18)	2-3	(h 9)	4-1	(a 6)	2-0	(h10)	3-3
6	Cardiff	(h 4)	2-1	(h10)	2-1	(h 5)	0-2	(a17)	0-0	(a 3)	2-1
7	Clapton	(h13)	3-0	(a14)	0-1	(h 1)	2-0	(a 4)	1-3	(h 8)	4-0
8	Crystal P.	(h15)	1-0	(a10)	1-2	(a19)	2-2	(h20)	1-3	(a 7)	0-4
9	Exeter	(h 1)	3-3	(h17)	3-2	(a 5)	1-4	(h 3)	2-2	(a 2)	0-2
10	Ipswich	(h 9)	2-2	(a 6)	1-2	(h 8)	2-1	(h13)	2-0	(a 5)	3-3
11	Mansfield	(a 3)	0-3	(h12)	0-2	(h 2)	2-0	(h15)	2-0	(h16)	2-2
12	Newport	(a11)	2-0	(a13)	0-1	(a17)	1-0	(a 1)	0-1	(h 4)	0-2
13	Northampton	(a16)	0-3	(h12)	0-0	(a10)	0-2	(a14)	0-1	(h 1)	5-0
14	Notts C.	(h22)	0-3	(a20)	2-0	(h 7)	1-0	(h13)	1-0	(a17)	1-3
15	Port Vale	(a 5)	1-0	(a 8)	0-1	(h22)	1-2	(a11)	0-2	(a19)	1-1
16	Queen P.R.	(h13)	3-0	(h 3)	1-2	(a 2)	2-4	(h21)	2-0	(a11)	2-2
17	Reading	(h22)	3-2	(a 9)	2-3	(h12)	0-1	(h 6)	0-0	(h14)	3-1
18	Southend	(a 9)	3-3	(a17)	0-3	(h 5)	3-2	(h 2)	2-2	(a21)	2-0
19	Swindon	(a 3)	0-4	(a 4)	1-1	(h 8)	2-2	(a22)	1-2	(h15)	1-1
20	Torquay	(a 1)	1-1	(a 2)	5-2	(h 4)	3-1	(a 8)	3-1	(h22)	2-1
21	Walsall	(h17)	3-0	(a 2)	1-3	(h22)	2-0	(a16)	0-2	(h18)	0-2
22	Watford	(a17)	2-3	(a21)	0-2	(a15)	2-1	(h19)	2-1	(a20)	1-2

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

1	Accrington	(a15)	1-4	(h21)	3-1	(h 3)	0-2	(h 4)	2-3	(a13)	1-6
2	Barnsley	(a11)	4-1	(h15)	1-1	(a 3)	2-1	(h 6)	3-0	(a 4)	2-0
3	Barrow	(h 7)	1-2	(a 1)	2-0	(h 2)	1-2	(a16)	0-1	(h11)	0-0
4	Bradford C.	(h13)	6-2	(a14)	0-4	(h20)	4-0	(a 1)	3-2	(h 2)	0-2
5	Carlisle	(h 8)	1-1	(a13)	1-11	(a 7)	1-7	(h19)	1-1	(a 9)	0-1
6	Chester	(h12)	8-2	(h14)	0-0	(a20)	0-0	(a 2)	0-3	(h16)	4-2
7	Crewe	(a 3)	2-1	(a 8)	0-1	(h 5)	7-1	(a14)	2-3	(a19)	2-1
8	Darlington	(a11)	1-1	(h 7)	1-0	(a19)	1-4	(h 9)	1-2	(a18)	3-2
9	Doncaster	(h21)	0-0	(a10)	0-2	(h12)	3-1	(a 8)	2-1	(h 5)	1-0
10	Gateshead	(a19)	0-2	(h 9)	2-0	(a18)	2-2	(h17)	2-2	(a22)	1-1
11	Halifax	(h 8)	1-1	(a16)	0-1	(h22)	2-1	(h15)	3-1	(a 8)	0-0
12	Hartlepool	(h19)	0-2	(a15)	2-5	(a 9)	1-3	(h18)	1-1	(a17)	4-3
13	Hull	(a 4)	2-6	(h5)	11-1	(h14)	4-2	(a20)	2-2	(h 1)	6-1
14	Lincoln	(h17)	2-2	(h 4)	4-0	(a13)	2-4	(h 7)	3-2	(h20)	3-2
15	New Brighton	(a 2)	1-1	(h12)	5-2	(h16)	0-1	(a11)	1-3	(h21)	2-3
16	Oldham	(h12)	4-2	(h11)	1-0	(a15)	1-0	(h 3)	1-0	(a 6)	2-4
17	Rochdale	(a14)	2-2	(a22)	7-0	(h21)	0-0	(a10)	2-2	(h12)	3-4
18	Rotherham	(a20)	0-5	(a21)	0-2	(h10)	2-2	(a12)	1-1	(h 8)	3-3
19	Southport	(h10)	2-0	(a12)	2-0	(h 8)	4-1	(a 5)	1-1	(h 7)	1-2
20	Stockport	(h18)	5-0	(h 6)	0-0	(a 4)	0-4	(h13)	2-2	(a14)	2-3
21	Wrexham	(a 1)	1-3	(h18)	2-0	(a17)	0-7	(h22)	1-3	(a15)	3-2
22	York	(a 7)	2-8	(a18)	0-2	(h11)	1-2	(a21)	3-1	(h10)	1-1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

1	Aberdeen	(h 3)	4-0	(a 4)	1-1	(h10)	6-1	(a 7)	3-1	(h19)	3-2
2	Albion	(h 7)	0-3	(a12)	1-3	(h19)	2-1	(a 5)	1-4	(h20)	2-4
3	Arbroath	(h 9)	1-1	(a17)	0-4	(h 6)	3-0	(a16)	3-1	(a18)	3-4
4	Ayr	(a14)	1-6	(h 1)	1-1	(a 9)	0-2	(h15)	2-0	(a11)	2-2
5	Celtic	(a17)	1-2	(h15)	0-1	(a16)	0-4	(h 2)	4-1	(a14)	1-1
6	Clyde	(h13)	4-1	(a20)	1-3	(h18)	3-1	(a 3)	0-3	(h12)	4-0
7	Falkirk	(a 2)	3-0	(h11)	4-0	(a 8)	3-1	(h 1)	1-3	(a17)	1-2
8	Hamilton	(h12)	2-1	(a19)	1-2	(h 7)	1-3	(a18)	2-0	(h13)	4-0
9	Hearts	(h10)	0-1	(a 3)	1-1	(h 4)	2-0	(a19)	1-1	(h18)	3-2
10	Hibernian	(a 9)	1-0	(h16)	2-1	(a 1)	1-6	(h17)	1-1	(a15)	2-3
11	Kilmarnock	(a18)	3-1	(h19)	3-2	(a 7)	0-4	(h20)	5-2	(h 4)	2-2
12	Motherwell	(a 8)	1-2	(h 2)	3-1	(a15)	0-0	(h10)	2-4	(a 6)	0-4
13	Partick	(h 2)	1-3	(a 6)	1-4	(h17)	2-4	(a14)	0-0	(a 8)	0-4
14	Queen O'S.	(h 4)	3-1	(h13)	0-0	(a20)	1-0	(a18)	0-3	(h 5)	1-1
15	Queen's Park	(h20)	1-4	(a 5)	1-0	(h12)	0-0	(a 4)	0-2	(h10)	3-2
16	Raith	(h18)	5-0	(a10)	1-2	(h 5)	4-0	(a12)	4-2	(h 3)	1-3
17	Rangers	(h 5)	2-1	(a13)	4-2	(h 3)	4-0	(a10)	1-1	(h 7)	2-1
18	St. Johnstone	(a 6)	1-3	(h 8)	0-2	(h14)	3-0	(a 9)	2-3	(h 8)	4-6
19	St. Mirren	(a11)	2-3	(h 8)	2-1	(a 2)	1-2	(h 9)	1-1	(a 1)	2-3
20	Third Lanark	(a15)	4-1	(h 6)	3-1	(a11)	2-5	(h14)	0-1	(a 2)	4-2

(Mid-week games not included.)

Royal Navy And Marines Clash To-Morrow

The Annual Charity football game between Royal Navy and Royal Marines, in aid of the M.C.L. funds, will be played on Saturday, at the Causeway Bay ground, at 4.30 p.m.

The Band of the Royal Marines will be in attendance and the game will be refereed by the Rev. Hinchcliffe.

The following are the teams:—
Royal Navy:—McAllister (Falmouth); Newby (Kent) and Naughton (Defender); Honeywill (Tamar); Knowles (Kent) and Fisher (Eagle); Goodwin (Kent); Morrill (Eagle); Macvicar (Suffolk); Thorburn (Tamar) and Hunt (Eagle).

Reserves:—Dickerson (Kent); Coles (Perseus); Swales (Suffolk); Down (Dorsetshire); Mr. Wright (Grimsby) and Betts (Tamar).

Royal Marines:—Ormonde (Eagle); Strother (Dorsetshire) and Tucker

(Kent); Reeves (Eagle); Dixon (Eagle) and Roper (Dorsetshire); Staggs (Suffolk); Heap (Tamar); Christmas (Dorsetshire); Clifton (Tamar); White (Suffolk).

Reserves:—Jeffries (Eagle); Dodds (Suffolk); Watton (Tamar).

BRITISH SENIOR GOLFERS BEATEN IN SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg, (By AIR MAIL) The British Senior Golfers, who are touring South Africa, were beaten by a team of senior members of the Royal Johannesburg Golf Club by four matches to two in a foursomes match here.

Accuracy Vs. Power

By BEST BALL

Those golfers who consider a long drive the most essential part of their game should consider the manner in which Ralph Guldahl won his second National Open title recently. While other golfers were driving into the rough and kindred sorts of trouble, Guldahl was using his irons off the tee and placing the ball straight as an arrow down the fairway. For days prior to the actual tournament, Guldahl played over the layout, studying it closely as well as the potentialities of every type of shot in relation to each hole.

Guldahl came to the conclusion that little was to be gained by booming tee shots, but that accurately hit irons would keep the score down. He adhered to this purpose during the entire four rounds of the tournament. While other golf

Studio Piano
Recital By
Nura Kanis

To-day's Wireless

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Ballet Music:
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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Moretta & Raye (Two Pianos) and Maria de Plectro (Harp).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Bari- tone) and The Massed Bands.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announce- ments.
1.40 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orches- tra with Marta Eggerth (Soprano).
Drinking Song (Schumann)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra and Male

Quartet.
Before I Found You (film 'Love's Melody'); Was It Your Smile (Stollberg)... Marta Eggerth (Soprano) with Orchestra (Sung in German).
Spring's Delight—March-Intermezzo (Ailbourn)... Deutschermeister. Regi- mental March (Jurek)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Always, When I Am Happy (Grothe- Marischka); Manola (film 'Always,

when I am Happy')... Marta Eg- gerth (Soprano) with Orchestra (Sung in German).
Spring Song (Mendelssohn); Simple Aveu (Thome)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) September in the Rain; (b) Take another guess; (c) Where the lazy river goes by; (d) Swing high, Swing low.

Sleeping Beauty's Bridal Procession (Max Rhode); In A Clock (Stora Chas. J. Orth)... Otto Dobrindt & His Concert Orchestra.
Suite De Danse (Kunneke)—Inter- mezzo; Valse Melancolique... Otto Dobrindt & Eugen Wolff Orchestra.
Sunny Days—Fox-Trot Intermezzo; Chorus Of The Clocks—Fox-Trot Intermezzo; Straussiana (Boy- schel); When The Lads Are Out To Dance—Fox-Trot Intermezzo... Otto Dobrindt & His Piano Sym- phonists.

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Tschalkowski — The Swan Lake—Ballet Music, Op. 20. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

8.35 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Nura Kanis.

1. Sonata in A Major (Mozart):
(a) Andante Grazioso.
(b) Menuetto and Trio.
(c) Alla Turca.

2. Capriccio, Op. 70, No. 2 (Brahms).

8.55 p.m.—Next week's programme.

9 p.m.—London Relay — 'Food for Thought'. Three short talks on mat- ters of topical interest.

9.20 p.m.—Nathan Milstein (Violin).

La Campanella (Rondo from 'Concer- to No. 2 in B Minor'—Paganini, Op. 7—arr. Kreisler); Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Posthumous—Chopin-trans. Milstein)... with Leo- pold Mittmann at the Piano.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—A Light Variety Programme. Those taking part are Clapham & Dwyer; Harley & Barker; Janet Joye; Helmar Fern- back; The Hill Billies and Tony's Red Aces.

10.30 p.m.—Len Green at the Piano.

Melodies Of The Month, No. 15.
Intro: These foolish things; Would you?; Poor little Angelina; The glory of love; Lovely lady; Me- lody for the sky.

Melodies Of The Month, No. 20.
Intro: Take my heart; South Sea Island Magic; There isn't any limit to my love.

10.40 p.m.—Debroy Somers & His Band.

Irving Berlin Waltz Songs—Medley ... with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan.
Memories Of Horatio Nicholls... with Vocal Chorus.

11 p.m.—Close down.

Winning CONTRACT

(By the Four Aces)

David Burnstine, Merwin D. Moler, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken
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SHOULD BID ONE NOTRUMP
Howard Schenken was your partner yesterday, neither side was vulnerable, and you had a partial score of 80. You were third hand and held:

♠ A x x
♥ K x
♦ K x x x
♣ Q x

The bidding went:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Moler
1♥	Pass	(1)	

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one notrump. With a score of 80, your partner may read this bid as a mild Slam Invitation and will take appropriate action if his hand warrants it.

Score 100% for one notrump, 80% for pass (this hand is not so strong that a pass should be severely criticised), 40% for two diamonds (with 80 on score your partner may pass and it may be found that two diamonds is a very unsatisfactory contract), 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 20

Oswald Jacoby is your partner and both sides are vulnerable. The bidding goes:

Schenken	Jacoby	Burnstine	You
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Pass	Pass

You hold:

♠ 10 9 x x x
♥ x x
♦ Q x x x
♣ x x

What do you lead? (Answer: to-morrow).

TO-DAY'S HAND

West, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ J 8 6
♥ A Q 8
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ A K 2

♠ 10 5
♥ 9 7 3 2
♦ K Q 5
♣ Q 10 4 3

♠ 9
♥ K J 10 6
♦ 5 4
♣ 8 7 5

♠ A K Q 7 4 2 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ J 9 6

Mr. Caldwell

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	2♥	2♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	5♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	6♠

Robert N. Caldwell, assistant city editor of the "Bergen Evening Record," who sends us to-day's hand, writes: "A trump was opened. I took it in my hand, led a second round to the dummy and finessed diamonds. West returned a heart and, since nothing could be lost, I finessed the Queen and had to trump in my hand. I entered the dummy with a trump and took the heart Ace, discarding a club from my hand, and then tried the second diamond finesse, which set me. My partner says (quite truly as the cards lie) that the hand can be made with a squeeze. I saw this at the time, but it seemed to me likely that the better play was to try the diamond finesses. The squeeze works only if West has the King-Queen of diamonds and the club Queen."

While we believe that Mr. Cald- well's line of play offered a fine chance for success and was in- finitely preferable to trying for the rather remote squeeze, there is still a third way of playing this hand, which seems to us the best. We would play the hand exactly the same as Mr. Caldwell up to and including the point where West returned a heart, the Queen was covered by the King and he trumped. We would now lay down the Ace of diamonds, hoping that by some chance the King would drop. Next we would lead a club to dummy and on the Ace of hearts we would discard our remaining diamond instead of a club. We would then lead the ten of di- amonds from dummy and trump, dropping West's King. Dummy's remaining diamond would then provide a discard for our losing club. If by some chance the King of diamonds failed to drop when we trumped the third round, there would still be a possible squeeze left as an additional chance.
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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Sally, Irene and Mary". Stars enough, laughs, tunes and gags enough for any six ordinary muscals, plus a screenful of romance and that extra zing and sparkle that always distinguish a Daryl Zanuck super-musical. The cast includes Alice Faye, Tony Martin, Jimmy Durante, Gregory Ratoff, Joan Davis, Marjorie Weaver, Louise Ho- vick, J. Edward Bromberg and Fred Allen.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"You're a Sweetheart". Too tempting tunes, sing- able songs, and the glitter and whirl of Broadway after dark. A high cali- bre cast of the screen's top-notch en- tertainment. Headed by beautiful Alice Faye, the cast includes George Murphy, Ken Murray, Bill Gargan, Andy Devine and Charles Winninger. A new hit with the new song hits of the year.

AT THE STAR—"Under The Red Robe", with Conrad Veidt and Anna- bella. A stirring adventure of the days when men dared all for love, tell- ing a tale of scarlet intrigue in the days of Richelieu.

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"Youth Takes A Fling". The simple, wistful, yet powerfully human love story of a Kansas farmboy who dreams of going to sea and the roman- tic salesgirl who falls in love with him. With Joel McCrea, Andrea Leeds, Frank Jenks, Dorothea Kent, Isable Jeans and Virginia Grey.

AT THE KING'S—"The Shopworn Angel", with Margaret Sullivan and James Stewart and Walter Pidgeon. A story of a girl who gave up a million to be a soldier's dream girl.



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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1939, to FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1939.

HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th. February, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. December, 1938.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 13th. February to SATURDAY, the 25th. February, 1939, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th. February, 1939.

NEW
ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of February, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet.	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	about		
Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4118.		Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 202, Pak Tai Street, Ma Tau Kok.					As per sale plan	4,700	
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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Saturday, the 11th. February, 1939 commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road Central.
A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods also

2 Bales Cotton Yarn
18 Boxes French Perfumes
Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Friday, the 10th. February, 1939 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Ground Floor.

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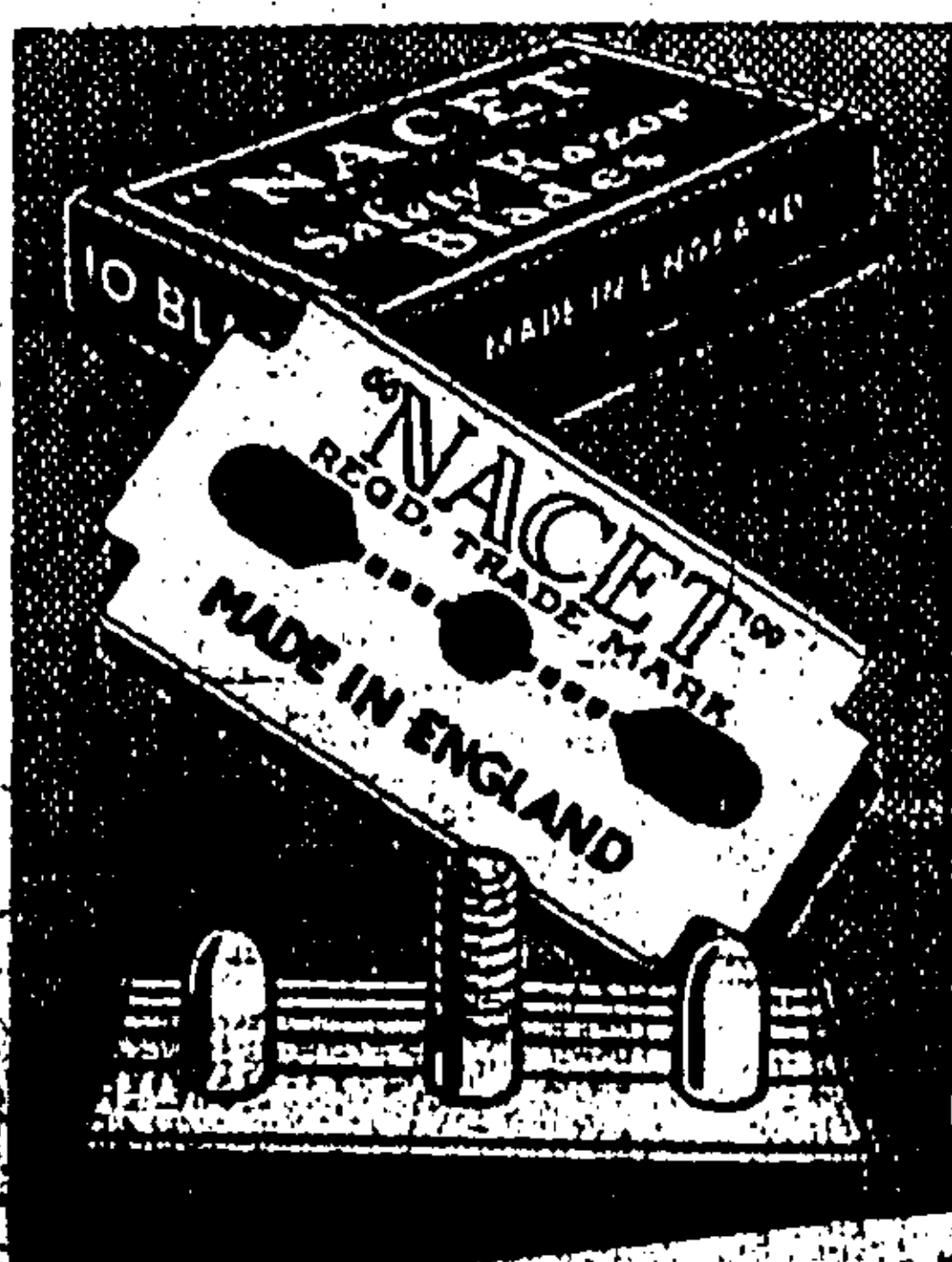
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JAPANESE LANDING ON HAINAN ISLAND

TOKYO, TO-DAY.
IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT JAPANESE TROOPS HAVE LANDED ON HAINAN ISLAND.

It is stated that crack units of the Japanese army and navy effected a surprise landing early to-day, and that they are now proceeding inland under a united command. — Reuter.

It will be recalled that representations against occupation of Hainan by Japanese forces have been made in Tokyo by both Britain and France.

KWANGSI INVASION PLAN NOT YET ABANDONED

Kweilin, To-day.

The Japanese have not yet abandoned their scheme of invading Kwangsi, according to military circles here.

Extensive Japanese military movements have been noted on the West River, and Japanese war vessels have been busy around Weichow Island.

In the Canton area, the Japanese are trying their best to protect their communication lines. — Central News.

LARGE FORCE TAKING PART
Tokyo, To-day.

Co-operating with the Japanese naval forces, a large force of Japanese troops landed on Hainan Island at dawn to-day, according to a brief communique released this morning.

The landing was covered by several Japanese warships and aeroplanes.

Brisk fighting between the Japanese and the Chinese has occurred, but the Japanese are making steady progress.

The point where the landing was made is not yet disclosed, but is believed to be near Hoihow. — Our Own Correspondent.

ASSURANCE TO THIRD POWER INTERESTS

Tokyo, To-day.

It is announced that third party interests on Hainan Island will not be interfered with by the Japanese forces who landed on the Island this morning.

The Japanese action in invading Hainan Island is said to be for the sole purpose of tightening the blockade of the coast and severing communications between Hainan Island and the mainland.

Strict secrecy is still being maintained regarding the spot where the landing took place. — Our Own Correspondent.

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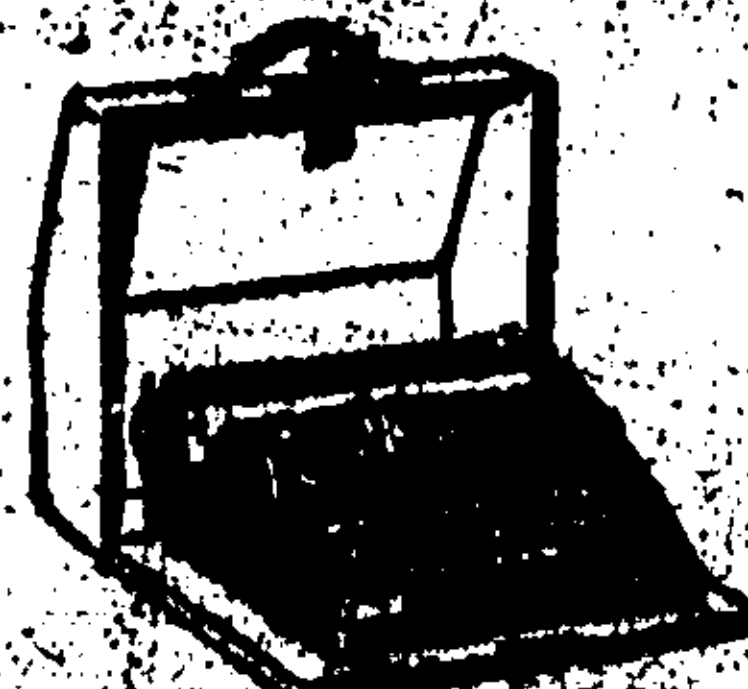
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M. Benes told newspapermen that he did not consider war in Europe was inevitable.

He declared the belief that the Democracies together could avert war. — Seuter.

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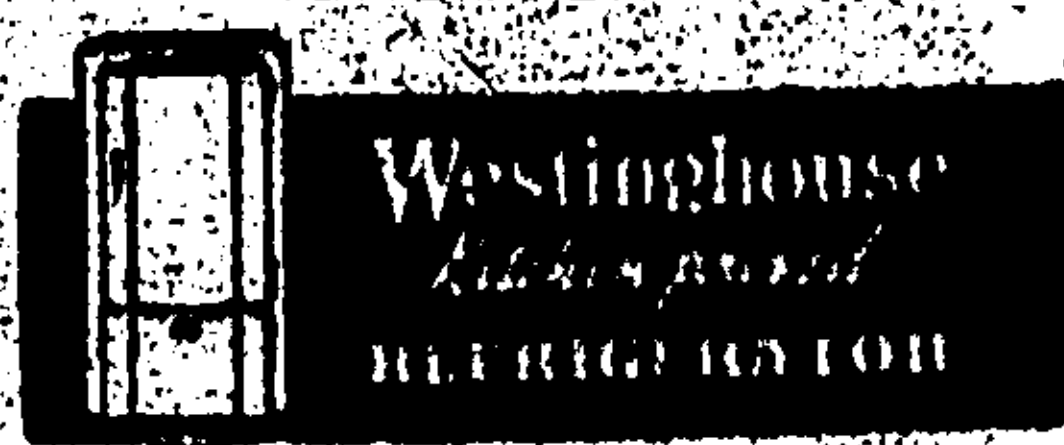
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